

**WHAT DOES DEMOCRAT MEAN?**

What does the term Democrat mean? or in other words, when a man calls himself a Democrat does he mean that no other principles will suit him? We know some men who claim that they are Democrats, and boast that they have never voted anything but a Democratic ticket; but right here, with the most of them comes in the true saying that "actions speak louder than words." Some of these very same men who make these boasts can be found on almost all occasions assisting Republicans, by giving them this and that point by which they can do something to defeat a Democratic measure, and doing other things in a secret way, to assist Republicans or anti-Democrats to keep themselves in power. We long to see the day when men who call themselves Democrats will not only be Democrats in name, but will prove by their acts, private and public, that they are what they profess to be. There is no middle ground. A man in this country is either a Democrat or a Republican. All this boast about Independentism, Knight of Labor, People's candidate, &c. &c. is not worth a cent, and no man who honors principle will allow himself to be abused by any such stuff. Know your principles and stand by them, though the heavens fall.

**ONLY A COMMON LABORER**

Not long since, says an exchange our ears were greeted by the above words from the lips of youth and beauty, and the scorn expressed in their tone and action cannot be described. Only a common laborer, get a heart that overflows with the milk of human kindness. Only a common laborer, get these brawny arms uphold the world, never tiring. They cut down our forests, build our residences, fill our soil, build up cities, bridges, railroads, pierce deep in the bowels of the earth and bring up the sparkling jewels to deck the brow of beauty. They take from its dark recess the pure metals that supply all our wants. They cross the trackless deep and bring from farther lands all that is necessary for our comfort and enjoyment, and when other nations threaten our borders they stand a living wall with iron hands and hearts of oak around our hearthstones. When dangers threaten they are ready to stand firm. If there are true hearts, if there is true virtue, if there is true honor, if there are true martyrs in every good cause, if there are true hearts that nobly respond to the calls of love, friendship, patriotism, the cries of the oppressed; the hungry, the suffering and the innocent they are beating in the breast of the common laborer. And in their hearts and on their strong arms the success of every past reform has depended. Then heed not the scornful butterfly of fashion. The winter will soon come and while the common laborer will have talents added to his lot by the great Master, the other will fold her wings in sorrow and lose that even which she hath.

**POLITICS AND RELIGION.**

The Raleigh Chronicle thinks that a Democratic newspaper should be represented at a Baptist Convention, because all North Carolina Baptists are Democrats. Another journal thinks that Judge Clarke will be a strong candidate for Governor, because he is a strong Methodist. Mr. Jule Carr is for Judge Clarke and we suppose the Chronicle will be also. The Baptist may be all Democrats, but they are not particularly fond of supporting a man for Governor because he is a Methodist. If the politicians carry religion into politics they will not find the Methodist and Baptist a happy combination.—Statesville Mail.

It is immaterial with a good Democrat who is an honest man, whether a Judge Clark, be a Baptist, or Methodist. This cry about carrying religion into politics is nonsensical. It would be a wonderful benefit to the politics of the day to let a little religion enter therein. It is of no consequence whether Judge Clarke be a Methodist or a member of some other church. The Baptists of North Carolina have too much sense and christian charity to refuse to support a man because of his religious opinions, or church membership. "Let the heathen rage" and the Mail imagine a vain thing, but Judge Clark is nominated for Governor the Baptist of this State will stand for him in a solid phalanx.—Wadesboro Intel-ligence.

The intelligencer is correct. Whenever a good Democrat is non-

inated by the Democratic party, no honest Democrat will stop to ask anything about his religion. THE TIMES is the special champion of no man for Governor, but it deprecates such demagoguery as displayed by the Statesville Mail. It is unnecessary for us to inform our readers that the Mail is a Republican sheet as the above comment upon Judge Clark could not have emanated from any other source. It smacks of trickery and endeavors to do just what it warns politicians against; but these Republicans and their sheets are noted for just such sneaking undertakings.

THE News-Observer speaking of the Oyster, Fish and Game Fair, which was held at Beaufort, last week says:

The oyster, fish and game fair at Beaufort was a remarkable exhibition and one calculated to make North Carolinians open their eyes still wider to the possibilities of their State. We are glad to know that it was a success in every way. The address of Lieut. Winslow on the oyster industry of the State was a paper that will prove of great benefit without doubt. It is not at all unlikely that in a few years North Carolina will be showing largely with Maryland and Virginia in the oyster business of the country. Our beds are fresh, and as they are taken up and improved they will supersede to a great extent the comparatively worn out beds of the waters north of us.

**The Week Before Christmas.**

The week before Christmas, And all in the house, Are plotting and planning As busy as a mouse. Strange bundles are smuggled, Inside, unawared, And hidden away With the greatest of care. The children, with secrets They're trying to sell, And in an excitement That nothing can quell, Are hourly asking How many more days Before it is Christmas, With cheeks all ablaze. The old folks, as eager Their lives have brought, And craves to be pleased, Where presents are bought. To their Merry Christmas, Is sweeter, we know, Than when their own stockings Were filled long ago. Way up from the kitchen Spiced odors arise Of mince, home-made, Delicious mince pies. Just stuffed full of raisins As big and as round As little Jack Horner, So happily found. The long winter nights All much longer appear, For who can sleep soundly With Christmas so near. And now, for the stockings No one's to be trifled, Can hold half the treasures Kris Kringle bestows. So mamma's great big ones Are got with delight, All ready to hang up, On Santa Claus' night. Now, Christmas is near and We're sick in hisleigh, Behind his great reindeers, Is trying this way. He's now on the snow-roads, He'll be at your gate, Prepare for his coming, There's no time to wait. H. C. DOPER.

**WIDE AWAKE FOR 1888.**

The readers of this wonderful magazine for young people are accustomed to good reading and pictures that they will wonder how it is going to be better than ever this coming year. But it is.

The new year has already begun with the holiday number just out—a truly great number, larger and richer, more varied, and therefore it must be better than ever before. And the publishers have a primer to send those who want to know what Wide Awake is going to have in it in 1888.

The wonder is that such a library and picture gallery can be got together for \$2.40 a year—a thousand pages and everything fresh and new—stories, history, travels, biography, sketches, anecdote, adventure—and all instructive as well as entertaining. Two words are drawn from to make such provision for the education and pleasure of our children. So high is the best of young people's literature nowadays that we are all of us glad to be young. Nine-tenths of reading people prefer it to what is written for them; for it has the rare merit of being easy as well as good.

We know of no Christmas gift so sure of bringing a happy response in a reading family. Send \$2.40 to D. Lothrop Company, Boston.

Everything you want in the way of toys, candies, dolls, cups and saucers, fire-works (A big display) can be found at Furman's drug store. In fact it is the place to get your Christmas supplies.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS.**

**From the Editor to His Home Patrons.**

As has been our custom heretofore we present to each of our home patrons this week a Christmas gift in the shape of a small, though freely given "puff."

Taking them alphabetically, we point out our first gift, to you J. S. Barrow & Son, the name of which firm has long been "linked" at this office, and one which we can heartily recommend to the public as thoroughly reliable. Their stores are very attractive this week, being filled with just such articles as the times demand and at prices that will astonish all. Go by all means and see the beautiful Christmas tree at this store.

Next we fall in upon Orenshaw, Hicks & Allen, who share neither means, time or trouble, to accommodate their many customers. It is not our purpose to attempt to enumerate the various articles sold by this firm, as they so thoroughly advertise their business, every reader of this paper is already acquainted on this line. Suffice it to say that they keep up with the times, and if you fail to find what you want when you call, it is surely "on the road."

Just in the rear of the above store we stumble in on the large and well selected stock of goods at Gerlie's store, which is being presided over by Mr. Knight, a very clever young gentleman. He tries to please every one, and we believe he succeeds.

The corner store of W. T. Clifton looms up for a gift, and the excellent groceries, confectioneries kept in this store would be an excellent gift for some of the newly ones during the festive season.

And the store of B. P. Clifton who is our worthy and efficient country treasurer, is also well stocked with a general line of goods, for which he guarantees to "take less" if he fails to get what they are priced at. His object is to sell and if he sees the cause a "jerk" can't beat him on selling you a bargain.

Our next gift is presented to that always enterprising and energetic merchant F. N. Egerton, whose store will be found, at all times filled, with merchandise of almost every description, and which he guarantees to sell as cheap as any one, if a customer leaves his store without the article wanted it will not be on account of the price, as this merchant goes on the principle that "cents make dollars" and if he can't get a dollar profit he will take a smaller amount.

Egerton, Torrell & Ford, a new firm, got in just in time to receive a Carolina present, and we are prepared to say that their large warehouse is filling up rapidly, and will soon be filled with the goods that this firm will carry.

Furman's drug store is especially beautiful and is one of the most attractive places in town. It would seem, if you had not been anywhere else in town that old Santa Claus left his entire stock here, and the display is so very pretty and the gifts so suitable for the season. By all means see the holiday goods at this store.

E. S. Green, through his clever and energetic agent R. Y. Yarrowburgh, deserves mention along with the Christmas gifts. Believing in printers ink, right much has been used by these men, and in consequence, together with good treatment, they have done a good business here this year. Next year they propose to do more.

Mrs. A. M. Hall ever tries to please the ladies, and keeps just what every lady, young or old, married or single needs, wants and will have. At this store you will find a good many nice presents suitable for all ages and sexes.

King, Jones & Co., next come in for a gift, and if you fail to call at their store during the holidays you will miss a chance at a gold watch which they propose to give away. For further information it would pay all to call at their store. Their store is so full of goods that you can't fail to find what you want.

And we could say about the same in regard to the Louisiana drug store of Dr. J. B. Clifton, whose politeness, T. B. Horton, is always very attentive, and whose especially pleased when you enter the door. The fancy goods at this store are very fine, and the display of toys, &c., very nice.

The Louisiana Mill Company is composed of energetic men, and it seems to be their aim to please every customer. They turn out good meal and flour.

The formation of the alphabet puts J. J. Person's gift somewhat behind the most of our patrons, but it by no means places him behind them. Otherwise, as so many "deals on the square" any squarer than Joe Person. We will suggest a Christmas turkey with an outside that no one can enter the door of his store without being seen by some one of the salesmen, and that a welcome "come in" will not fail to greet the ears of the customer whether he or she wants "to see" or buy goods.

W. H. Pleasants & Son propose to supply all who will need supplies during the coming year, and claim that they can make it to the advantage of every one to see them before making other arrangements.

The Racket, (Mrs. O. A. Jones) which is near the bottom of the alphabet, claims also that its prices are very near the bottom, consequently in order to inform themselves, our readers will call at this store, before laying in their supply of "jumpers" for the little ones.

Just wait a few moments until we can present H. Waitt & Co., to those who want to supply themselves with "spirits" for the Egg-Nogg and we will wind up our gifts by saying that "Almost down to Z-z-z comes H. H. Young & Bro., who are more than certain that theirs is the freshest goods because they are the newest, and that their prices are WAY DOWN.

Our patrons which we have mentioned above will accept what we have said as our annual Christmas Gift. By the end of another year, if we are spared, we hope to be able to double our annual gifts, by that time it is our desire to make this paper twice its present size. Of course this is with our patrons. If they so desire, it will be done. We wish all of our patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**LOCAL.**

**Fire Limit.**

At a meeting of the Board of town Commissioners of Louisburg held December 21st, 1887, the following ordinance was unanimously adopted:

It is ordered by the Board, that no wooden building shall be built within the following limits: Within two hundred feet of that part of Main Street lying between the Tur River bridge and the Eagle Hotel; within two hundred feet of Nash Street between Spring Street and Torrell's livey stable; within two hundred feet of Court Street, within two hundred feet of Market Street. Nor shall any building within said limits be constructed with any wood material.

O. L. ELLIS, Mayor.

W. H. FORMAN, JR., Town Clerk.

**County Commissioners.**

The board met on the 19th, all the board present. The annual reports of the Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Treasurer and Clerk of Court were received and recorded. B. R. Woodlief was employed to make Simms bridge level and safe, for the sum of \$25; T. H. Coverters to examine and report to board before money is paid. E. D. Menell constable for Louisburg tendered his bond, which was accepted. A. W. Pearce, Clerk of Superior Court, tendered his bond, but by reason of an attack of the same, by one of the members of the board, he was allowed until Dec. 28th to give his bond. Accounts to the amount of \$28.60 were allowed.

**Matrimonial Items.**

In looking over the books in the Register's office we find that during the year ending December 31, 1886, there were 142 marriage licenses issued in this county, 63 of which were for white and 79 for colored couples. During 1887 the number was 164, 72 for white and 92 for colored.

On last Monday the Register issued five licenses within 25 minutes, and before the hour was out the sixth one was issued, which made it six within one hour. Next.

**A Bargain.**

The best business stand in town for sale. Apply to this office.

**CEDAR ROCK SCHOOL.**

W. O. Dunn and Wife. Will open a first class school for boys and girls in E. S. Green's store, house at Cedar Rock, on Jan. 16, 1888. Terms will be made easy for board and tuition. For further information address: W. O. Dunn, Cedar Rock, N. C.

**FOR SALE OR RENT.**

A desirable residence in the town of Louisburg, consisting of 6 rooms, and all necessary out-buildings. The place is about 1/2 acre in the lot. It can be bought or rented on reasonable terms. For further information call on J. A. THOMAS or B. D. CREEKMORE.

**NOTICE.**

Having this day qualified as Administrator on the estate of Martin C. Pedge, dec'd., all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons holding claims against the estate, to present them for payment on or before Dec. 20, 1887, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Dec. 20, 1887. J. B. BOWEN, Adm'r. B. B. Mendenhall, Att'y.

**An'ograph and Photograph albums**

at Clifton's Drug Store. Splendid assortment of fancy and plain stationary at Clifton's drug store.

Remember fresh beer 10 cents a bottle at H. Waitt & Co's.

Don't fail to call at H. Waitt & Co's, and be entertained by Messrs. Thomas and Jeremiah.

Where the "Baby Jumper" is used you will see no "cross babies" no bow "legged ones", none but healthy ones. RACKET.

A fresh lot of elegant Christmas liquors at H. Waitt & Co's. Beer only 10 cents a bottle at H. Waitt & Co's.

A thing of beauty a joy forever, and Clifton's Drug Store is the place to find it.

Try some of that celebrated up-the-whiskey at H. Waitt & Co.

The nicest Christmas goods ever seen in Louisburg, at Clifton's Drug Store.

Please call and look at the ware counter at Racket Store and you will see O for I.

The opening of the large stock Christmas goods at Clifton's Drug Store.

Mrs. O. A. Jones is agent for Jumpers.

Toil t-shirts, manicure, medicine sets, infant sets and shaving sets, all prices suitable for the holidays, gifts at Clifton's Drug Store.

Patent "Baby Jumpers" for sale at Racket call and see a jump.

When in Louisburg you can spend a short time pleasantly at H. Waitt & Co's, pool.

Fine L. L. raisins, cocoanuts, figs, King's extra apples, Talmon sweet apples, imported and raw peanuts at King, Jones & Co's. King, Jones & Co., will be headquarters for fireworks this X-mas.

A fresh lot of the very best cigars, tobacco &c., at H. Waitt & Co's.

Drinks—hot or cold at H. Waitt & Co's.

The very best rum for egg-nogg, gin, brandy, &c., at H. Waitt & Co's.

**A CARD.**

To the Public.

Having accepted a position with Messrs. J. S. Barrow & Son, at Louisburg, I desire to say to my friends and the public generally that I will be more than pleased to have them call and see me when they are in town. Any orders will be promptly filled.

Respectfully,  
PETER JOHN FOWLER.

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION.**

(NORTH CAROLINA) In Superior Court. FRANKLIN COUNTY.

ELIZA PERSON vs. PETER PERSON.

PETITION FOR DIVORCE.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant in the above entitled action, can not after due diligence be found in this State; It is therefore ordered that publication be made in THE FRANKLIN TIMES, a newspaper published in the town of Louisburg, for six weeks once in each week successively, commencing the said Peter Person, to be and appear before the Judge of the said Superior Court at the term to be held for the County of Franklin at the Court House in Louisburg on the sixth Monday before the first Monday in March next (1888) answer the complaint on file in said action for the relief demanded in the complaint. Witness my hand and seal this 30th Nov. 1887.

A. W. PEARCE, C.S.C. W. M. PERSON Att'y for plaintiff.

**POOL ROOM.**

Our Pool Room is well lighted and perfect order is kept at all times. Those fond of such sport will find it a pleasant place at which to spend a short time.

**FACILIT.**

For the year 1888, the residence now occupied by W. H. A. Harris, for particulars apply to E. S. FOSTER.

Messrs. Thomas & Jeremiah more familiarly known as "Tom and Jerry" arrived yesterday, and any of their friends wishing to see them, can call at H. Waitt & Co's.

**November 1 '87.**

All accounts on the books of F. N. Egerton are due, and a prompt settlement of the same will be very much appreciated.

Please do not put off settlement until we have to send to you, but come at once to us and meet your obligations. We have a complete stock of goods, and are selling them cheap, and would be glad to do business with you.

Truly,  
F. N. EGERTON.

**Christmas GOODS**

**—AND— PATAPSCO SUPERLAIVE FLOUR**

Largest Stock of French and plain candy ever offered before in this State. Florida Oranges, Crockery & Glass ware for the holiday trade, call for the Lustré band crockery. New lot of Cents Scar's silk & w kerchiefs.

**COLLARS & CUFFS**

for christmas. Ladies and Misses Kid Buttoned shoes. A new suit of clothes for prices that will astonish the nation. Please don't ever come to town unless you call at my store, where you will be treated better than you ever were before. Mr. Parish and Mr. Ed Thomas will be glad to see you. Allowance for 1888. Salt \$1.50. Country produce wanted.

**W. H. Pleasants & Son.**

**COTTON BUYERS AND BROKERS**

**FARMERS SUPPLIES**

**SUPPLY BUSINESS**

and are prepared to furnish our friends with everything they may need in our line as low as any living man can. We MAY not have as much "Brains and Money" as our neighbors, but we have common sense, and while they were relying on their brains and money, we relied on our judgment, and bought our supplies several weeks ago, at much below present prices. Our Senior has been in business for over 20 years, and knows the needs of our farmers and we are fully prepared to meet their wants. We have saved the farmers of this county thousands of dollars, and we are better prepared to save them money now than we ever were before, and we intend to do it. Don't buy before seeing us. Meat, flour, molasses, sugar, hard &c. &c., always on hand. We will establish a branch office in Warrenton and Henderson, and distribute goods at those points. Several brands of the best Canned goods always on hand. Parties at a distance are requested to correspond with us.

**W. H. PLEASANTS & SON.**