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Kernersville News. The Democratic party in North Carolina should come before the people at the next election with the best men they can obtain for the respective offices. The candidates should be known for their integrity, their unblemished character, their perfect sobriety, as well as other good qualities of head and heart. A great deal depends upon the nominations that are made, and one of the first things necessary to insure success is to select the man best suited for the position to which he aspires.

Now is the time to discuss the matter, for the Democratic newspaper should be Democratic to the core. We do not claim that any one should quit his job of editing it or its editor be anything else. No "platform" in our "" politics. Give us an honest Democrat every time. But if an honest Democrat is not to be found, give us an honest Republican in place of a so-called independent or liberal. Understand us, now, we have always had more confidence in a man who comes straight out and says that, from principle, he is a Democrat or Republican, outside of us from the man who proclaims independence and he stands with one or the other parties for orders. What shall we do? Shall we quit politics? Shall we do otherwise?

You know crime has increased since the abolition of the whipping post. There are ten times as many thefts committed now as in those good old days when every person convicted of stealing had his back bared and was publicly whipped.

The courts then were not overrun with business, and counties were not bankrupted with cost bills for worthless rogues. Change back.

We say organize; form clubs and associations; have barbecues when crops are laid by; take good agricultural papers; compare notes as to the best methods of diversifying crops; quit buying northern hay and corn and potatoes; quit spending your Saturdays in town, and your shillings in the dram shop, and you may expect, after a little, while to own shares in factories for the manufacture of what you make, and save the profit you now give to the Northern manufacturers, and it is to be hoped the Alliance may have that effect. It is swelling to such vast proportions in the country now that we may reasonably expect some good results.—Wilson Mirror.

Judge Fowle's chances for the gubernatorial nomination grow brighter every day. The convention ought to nominate him by acclamation.—Kernersville News and Farm.

THE TARIFF IN A NUTSHELL.

(Eastern Md. Ledger.)

Mr. Blanchard, of Chicago, in a short speech of a few days ago, said more to show up the evils of a high tariff system than others have done in labored speeches and ponderous volumes. Mr. Blanchard is a refreshing sample of a protected operator who is willing to tell the truth and shame his demoniac majesty, and furnishes a beautiful illustration of utter selfishness that governs the beneficiaries of a high protective tariff. I am in favor of a high tariff on lumber, but low tariff on copper, iron, wool, cotton leather, glass, etc. I will tell you why. I own timber land and sell stumpage; besides, I operate largely myself, and this tariff puts money into my pocket. I get $2 per 1,000 for my stumpage and $2 per 1,000 for my boards. I have just [illegible] between high tariff and free lumber, [illegible] I am. This blessed tariff, they tell us, is for the benefit of the American laborer. What do you suppose it among my workmen? Not a bit of it. [illegible] this calf skin wallet, I did. Of all my workmen, I employ only protected American laborer. Wages depend upon [illegible] my friends, and not on taxes. When you see two men, after one dollar, wages are low; but when two men two bosses after one man, wages high and that is the whole of the theory. [illegible]

THE Republican Congressmen who are seeking to tickle the public ear with a notion that a people may tax themselves into prosperity are not very enthusiastic over their task. The prosperity fallacy indeed, appears to have been suddenly struck by a cold wave.

OUR STATE CONTEMPORARIES.

Writing a paper is the smallest work about a paper; it is not half the work to be done by a respectable editor. But, then nearly everybody think they can edit a paper, run a hotel, or keep a livery stable. There are many papers and but few good editors. Editing a paper is an acquired art, and requires as much [illegible] as any other business. [illegible] —Raleigh Chronicle.

Every decent man in North Carolina admits that the Republican party established for itself a bad character in 1868. It is a well established rule that when a certain fact is shown to exist it is presumed to continue until the contrary is proven. In that year the party supplied the necessary proof. By professions, and talk it is cheap. Goldsboro Argus.

Interesting days in some parts of this State, the axe or saw is utilized by cutting some hair from the dog that has bitten a person, and, with little empiric, applying it to the wound. It is still utilized or practiced by persons who take too much corn juice at night, and next morning take a drink on the principle that the hair of the dog is good for the bite. Some people, you know, are very peculiar.—Charlotte Democrat.

We war not against capital but we should see that capital does not war upon us, for it is ever unwilling and demanding its own to the utmost farthing. Contemplate, reader, what such a sextuple alliance could accomplish if it chosen. They could [illegible] the balance of power in every election, and make the public almost literally dependent upon them. Man is selfish, prone to evil and [illegible] greedy and ambitious and an over weening ambition. What assurance is there that they will not become [illegible] a tyranny as cruel as ever characterized the most despotic of potentates. The remedy is not in Anarchy or Socialism, but in legislative enactments, regulating [illegible] and so limiting wealth that beyond a fixed limit that wealth is unprofitable. This is no new departure we are making, nor is it to take from a man that which he already hath, but it is the [illegible] to say to all thus far shalt you go, but no farther. You will be allowed to accumulate enough riches to satisfy any reasonable wants, but you are only stopped at that point where you could be dangerous.—Farmer Southerner.

For Those Who Think.

In the Biblical Recorder (Baptist) of May 2nd, 1888, Prof. Thomas Potent, of Wake Forest College, will have an introductory to a series of articles, the subject of which shall be "Religion in Science." Rare Potent is among as one of the most [illegible] scientists of the country. He is a deep and careful thinker, and in view of the fact that many articles of a skeptical nature are being printed with a view to satisfying a conflict between the Bible and Science, Prof. Potent's articles should be read by every [illegible]

THE President has appointed Hon. M. W. Fuller, of Illinois, Chief Justice of the United States. All we expected when it was a good appointment.

Encourage Your Home Paper.

We clip the following from the Goldsboro Argus and give it to our readers to show them what a live, wide-awake, energetic newspaper can do to build up a town:

The power of a newspaper even in the hands of a [illegible] to build up a town is very great; but when it is aided by the active, constant and generous support of the people of a town its powers of accomplishment are inestimable. A western journal prints a good story in point. A young editor who, settling out in the wilds of "Dakota," started a paper, though his own shanty was the only habitation to be seen for miles. Boldly picturing an imaginary town around him he described its doings—freeman's meetings, concerts and lectures at the town hall, church festivals, secret society obsequies and general happenings, now and then writing up a distinguished citizen or advocating a public improvement. He printed hundreds of copies and sent them East, West, North and South. The effect was electrical. Immigrants poured in by the hundreds and built up a town in the image and superscription of the imaginary one described in the paper. The prophecy was fulfilled to the letter. The town became a city, and the city became a metropolis, and the man who had started it with a few dollars and a few lines of type became a millionaire. Such is the power of the press when wielded by a man who has the sagacity to see and the boldness to utilize the opportunity.

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