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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, April 12, 1889. To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic:

Harrison is still keeping up his policy of wearing out the office seekers, judging from the way the hotel lobbies are beginning to thin out he is succeeding pretty well. With the exception of a batch of postmasters, he has made no importont appointments this week, and the republicans are slowly discovering that it is poor policy to try to drive him into a hurry after he has announced his intention of going slow. Patience, Messrs. office seekers, your machine goes slowly but every time it appoints a man it is a republican, free from any symptoms of mugwumpery, that succeeds a democrat, and it is only a question of time when every democrat now in office will be succeeded by a republican. What more can you ask? In the mean time if you want to see the republicans appointed and democrats removed with lightning rapidity just drop into First Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson's office and see him manipulate the fourth class post offices of the country. He has reached an Lverage of over fifty a day.

Assistant Secretary Bussey of the Interior Department has just reversed a pension decision of General Black, that will affect many other application. The applicant was injured by the fall of a tier of seats at a circus, and General Black -rejects the application for a pension on the ground that the injury was not received during the performance of duty. This decission has now been reversed and the pension allowed. The published disagreement between Mr. Harrison and Mr. Blaine does not exist as far as I can ascertain, therefore the rumored retirement of Blaine from the Cabinet is a little premature. Doubtleess the correspondent who sent the matter off, like the most of other people here, regards such a state of affairs as almost a certainty at some time in the future and did not think he was taking any very great risk in sending the matter off as having already become a certainty. Mr. Harrison's latest rap at the democratic party was to inform a democratic Senator, who called on him in behalf of a democrat that wants to be a member of the Civil Service Commission, that in ap pointing those democrats, which by law he is compelled to, he should only reconize those that are protec 'tionists. This seems to be an injustice to the great majority of the democratic party. Solicitor General Jenks has bee: requested by the Attorney General to remain in office until the Su preme Court disposes of the govern ment telephone cases. Mr. Jenks has consented, although it seriously in tereferes with arrangements he had previously made in relation to his private business. Representative Springer said just before leaving for home I" feel much better than I have for a long time I have gained fully ten pounds in weight since the fourth of March, due probably to the fact that I have had nothing to do with the great National steeple chase for office. My supporters are not entered for that cause. A great many of them were four years ago and then I had a busy time all day and when night came I could do nothing but dreaof the thousands of anxious face that baunt the White House and th Departments. I am a good des more of a Civil Service reforment than I ever supposed I could be Of conrse I understand that when we have a perfect Civil Service the millenium will not be far away, but I think it better to move in the d. rection of the millenium than to wards pandemonium which is the result of the Spoils system. There is too much patronage in the hand. of the President and the Depart ments. and I shall, next winter, it troduce and advocate a bill to relieve them of much of the pressure. will try to lift the Congressman's burden too, by working for the election of the postmasters by the perple; that can be done without ing the constitution, for the

will be allowed to enter the territory before the 22nd and lay off the town. He will probably locate it in the middle of his 160-acre homestead that he will take up immedi-ately and his fortune will be made. The Steamship Danmark, from

Christiansand, Denmar", for New York, with 722 passengers aboard. was sighted by another steamer, disabled anu abandoned somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean a few days ago. It is very much feared that the passengers, leaving the ship and taking to the frail life boats, perished in the stormy weather that prevailed a week ago, but it is also hoped that they were picked up by some passing vessel.

Saturday and Sunday week, when the wind was blowing so hard in this section and while the fire was sweeping through our forests, the wind was blowing just as hard along the coast and in the cities fires were numerous. Norfolk, Va., suffered more than any other city, though the storm was severe in all of them. There was great loss of life and of shipping in the bays and on the sea-coast. On the coast high winds bring high water, the wind blowing the tide in and making it higher than usual. At Norfolk the tide was 18 inches higher than it had ever been before and the lower part of the city was submerged. Here great quantities of lime were stored and the water slacked it and started a number of destructive fires which the firemen could not reach on account of the depth of the water. The growing crops in the country round about were submerged and injured. Hundreds of sea-faring men perished in (hesapeake Bay.

On the 22nd of April settlers will be allowed to eater the new territory of Oklahoma and stake off their claims. It is estimated that there are at least 30,000 men on the borders in Kansas and Texas ready to make a rush when the 22nd rolls round. They are all armed, anxious and greedy for land and a terrible and bloody time is feared. There are only 1,800,000 acres of land in the territory, equal to 11,250 homesteads of 160 acres each and 30,000 men start in to claim these. In a few weeks there will be 100,000 in there fighting over 11,250 homesteads. Of course there will be trouble, especially as there are a large number of desperately bad characters among the boomers. Expeditions are massing at Wichita, Kansas, and other towns and are fixing up thousands of portable houses, quantities of provisions, &c. Until Congress meets there will be no courts, no codes of law and no government and vigilance committees will be the only recourse for law. Even they cannot be organized till the motley mob fights its way to some sort of settlement. A commission is on a trade with the Indians for the purchase of 6,000,000 cres of the Indian Territory to be added to Oklahoma, but the trade will not be complete nor the land

Marshal Finley his fees, and Mr. Bird his fee, Mr. Lewis will get the balance of his \$150, and a wholesome lesson in the uncertainties; incident of monkeying with the Green Goods buzzsaw, which we hope will make him a wiser and better man.

A Visit to Washington - President Marrison -Office Seekers.

MORGANTON, April 10. To the Editor of the Lenoir Topic :

Thus far the Republicans of the South have received very little recognition at the hands of President Harrison. While it is true that we did nothing for him in the way of electoral votes, we were a potent factor in his nomination and feel that he ought to treat the South as a part and parcel of the Union. I am of that class of Republicans who believe that he should ignore sectional lines and make us of the South feel that the Angels of Reconciliation had again renewed their vigils over our once distracted borders and that the Gates of Hell, which for four sad years stood ajar, have forever been closed. He is an honest, firm man, with a strong moral sense and I fear, a decided Northern bias. I am sure, however, that he will not suggest any measures tending to oppress the South or in any way calculated to retard her steps in the march of material pro-

Just now Washington City is the abiding place of the office seekerswanting positions, anywhere from a \$15 per annum postoffice to a \$10,-000 foreign mission. Failing in both these they will take a pair of Mr. Harrison's old breeches. Being myself an applicant for a \$1500 a year position in the postal service, and seeing that the tide was running in favor of some fellow from Michigan, I at once withdrew. Learned as I am in the Spanish language and the Spanish laws, I at once applied for the Brazilian mission, the place held by Gov. Jarvis under Mr. Cleveland. I thought, according to the "survival of the fittest," that North Carolina was entitled to the place, and I knew of no Republican in the State who could discharge the duties of the office more efficiently than myself, or one who

and dryest, the wetest, the dirtiest, the damndest street in the world.

There is no building on earth which compares with the marble magnificence, the courts, the corridors, the emblazonry, the tapestry, the frescoing, the groining, the esplanades, the dome, the vastness of "The Capitol Building," save perhaps the marble Cathedral at Cologne or that still greater murble palace, erected by the Emperor of the Orient, on the banks of the sacred Jumna, to the beautiful Taj-Noormahal.

As I stood neath that great dome, in that grand old Chamber, whose walls are adorned with the paintings of the finest masters, there, where, Ciay and Calboun charmed the ears of a Nation with "thoughts that breathe and words that burn," there where Webster and Hayne measured mighty mental lances, whose gleams still illume a continent, there where John Randolph denounce a compromise between Jackson and Clay, as a coalition between Bliffe and Black George, there where our own Wiley P. Mangum enriched and adorned a nation's annals with the torch of his eloquence, there where Rufus Choate spoke with the inspiration of oratory and in tones of music, I could but feel the influence of

"Immortal names that were not born to die,"

and proudly confessed that the ground on which I stood was holy. There, gazing on the chiselled features of Thomas Jefferson, still pleading for the "sovereignty of the States," Roger Sherman signing the Declaration of Independence, brave Ethan Allen shouting the cry of battle, and other great men from other States, proclaiming from their marble lips, civic triumph or military prowess ; imagine my shame sorrow, when I found that and North Carolina, the birtuplace and the cradle of the "Declaration of Independence" had no statue in the niche assigned her in that group of American greatness. I involuntarily asked why is this, and it seemed to me that from those cold lips came the reproachful words: "North Carolina does not revere the memory of her illustrious dead."

I bethought me of Cornelius Harhave tried them pronounce them nett and hoped and prayed from my innermost soul, that at some good. Give them a trial, day our Legislature would have his form fashioned in marble and send it to Washington, there to tell of our early history, our loyalty and devotion to the cause of human freedom. When first he heard of American triumphs at Lexington, the notes of the victory mingling with the waters of the Cape Fear and the Albemarle, singing through the Pine Groves of the East and firing the hearts of our brave bold

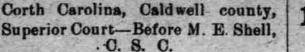
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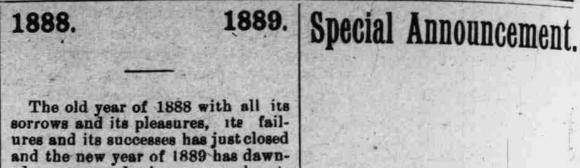
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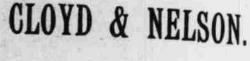
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hrown open under a year.

Marion Times-Register.

Mr. Robert H. Lewis, of Bee Log. Y-ncey county, came near being aken in by the Green Goods confidence game last Monday. Mr. Lewis' version of the affair, is that he received a letter from Mr. Townsend to the effect, that there awaited aim in the Express office a package upon which was due the sum of \$150. Mr. Taylor came to Marion paid the \$150, and received his package, and with it a bill in words and igures as follows; "Robert H. Lewis, Dr. To Charles McDonald Rahway, N. J. For jewelry per invoice \$150.,' He started homeward rejoicing, when for the first time it occured to his astnte mind, that he would examine the package, and let his eyes feast on the glittering prize, which had come to him unbeknownst and so unexpectedly. Mr. Lewis most-energetically affirms that he and neither knowledge or previous quaintance with his benefactor, r. Charles McDonald. He undid the wrapper which disclosed a handsome jewelry case. Mr. Lewis' eyes enlarged became distended, all agerness and, impatience, he could not wait to find the key, which opens the casket, he forces the lock raises the top when lo and behold, there neatly wrapped and folded lies a nice clean well shapen, smooth block of wood. A change came over Mr. Lewis in the twinkling of an eye, he experienced a revulsion of feelings, his eyes distended yet wider, his lower jaw dropped, his tongue lolled from his mouth, a cold streak of big disgust traversed his spinal column, he tumbled all in a heap, realized that he had a clear clean, title to, and in poses- an unknown quantity. sion of a big block of dear bought | Seriously, Washington is a su experience, and felt a goneness in

would draw the salary with more regularity and precision. This is a petrified fact. No man can conceive of the hungry, howling horde, pleading their great services, their outlay of money, and their brilliant oratory in behalf of Mr. Harrison and the grand old party. There was not a Republican in Washington who was not either an orator, a statesman, or a "patriot"-there were no "clausmen" there.

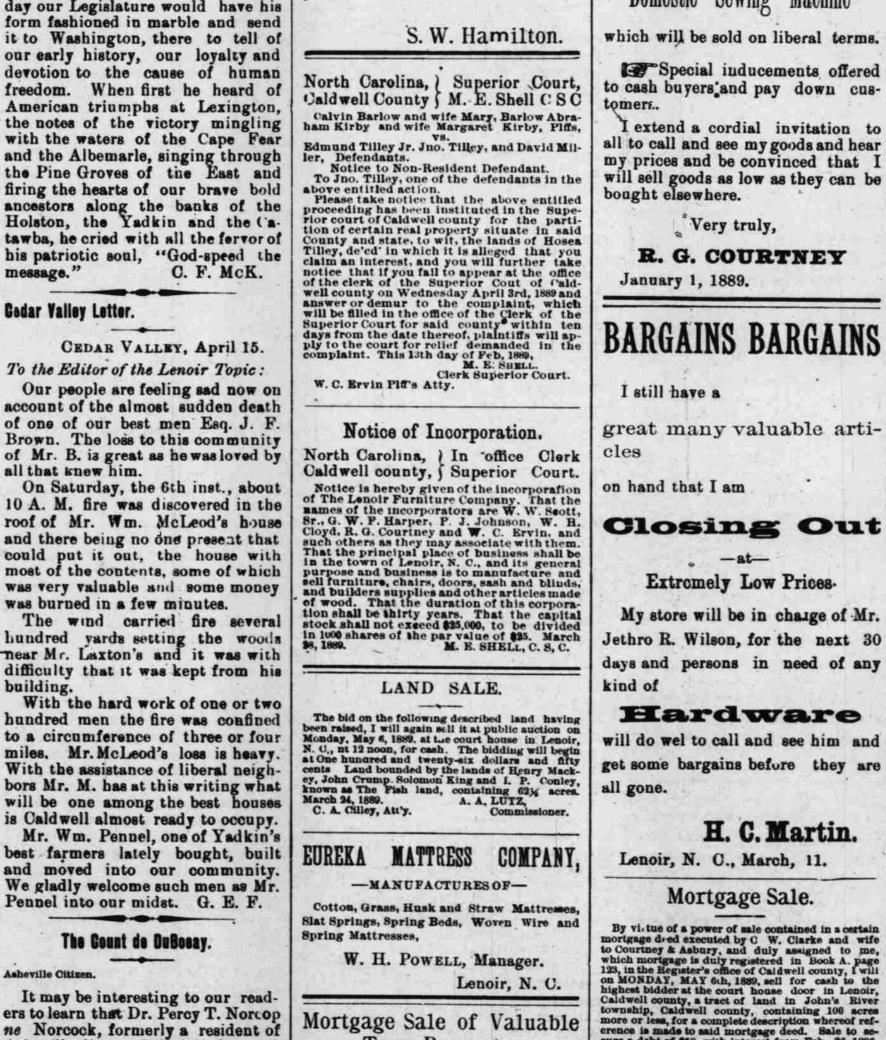
Burke, of course, had been and was still represented. Our popular townsman, that shrewd and adroit politician, Mr. D. C. Pearson, and myself, were the "last of the clan." When asked "what are so many of you Burke fellows doing here ?" we replied in the language of the brave Spartan at the pass of Thermopylae, "We are here in obedience to the laws of our country." Yes, that is the idea-our country-no selfishness, no personal interest, but pure disinterested patriotism. In fact I never knew a Republican actuated

by any other motive. One of the great drawbacks-so I was informed-to the city of Wash ington, is what is known as malaria, a strange kind of malady which pervades and permeates not only the back alleys, but all the principal streets, extending to the House of Representatives and Senate Chamber ; and yet by some strange chemistry of its nature, it does not reach the White House. In fact, it is claimed that Mr. Harrison is the only man in Washington who is impervious to its assaults. Besieged and beset as he otherwise may be, this fact should make him exceed. ingly happy. The chief cause of this disease is attributed to a "red fluid" of which the denizens as well as strangers partake, the same being charged with germs of disease, first producing garrulity and ending in blind stupidity. It was perhaps not so prevalent before the war. recollect to have read a speech of Senator McDougald from California in opposition to a "Bill to abolish the Senate Restaurant." He closed by saying :

"No man can become great, who lives on hog meat and hominy, He must drink wine from high Olympus,

And sweet mead from Valhalla; I believe in War, women, wine and whiskey."

Classic as this sentence may be, fine as the alliteration may be, it contains a harmful, poisonous sentiment, which no one will defend, and I only quote it for the purpose of remarking that in McDougald's day this "red fluid ' must have been



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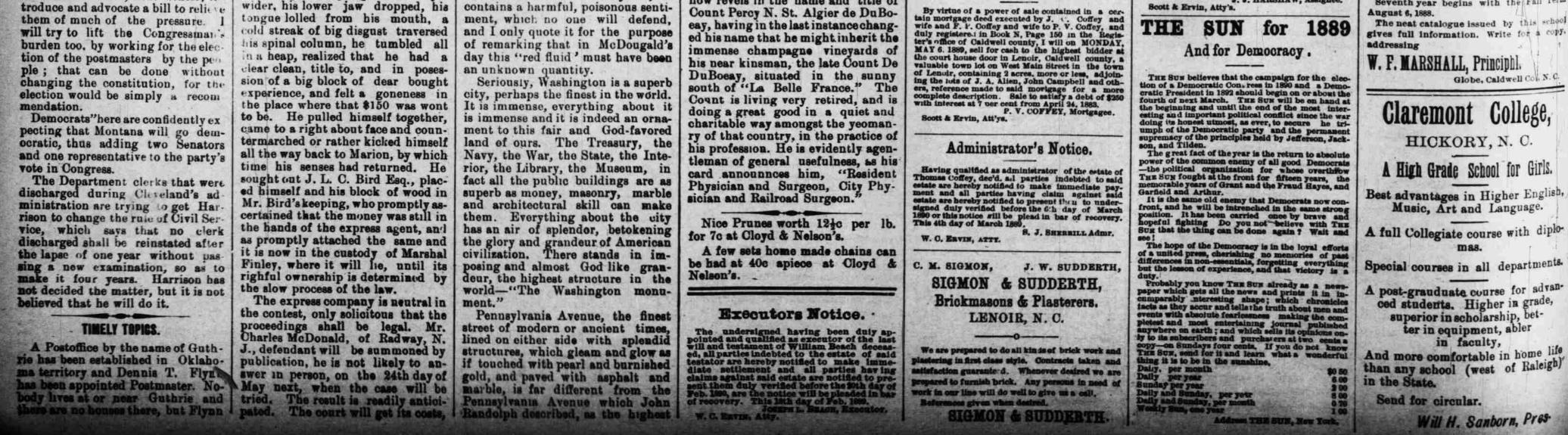
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