

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

As portrayed by the Governor elect of New York in a recent speech: "The time honored doctrines of the Democratic party are dear to me. If honestly applied in their purity I know the affairs of the government would be fitly administered, and I believe that all the wants and needs of the people would be met. They have survived all changes, and good and patriotic men have clung to them throughout all disasters as the hope of political salvation. Let us hold them as a sacred trust, and let us not forget that an intelligent, thinking people will look to the party which keeps pace with the development and progress of the time, which keeps in sight its landmarks and yet observe those things which are in advance and which will continue true to the people as well as its traditions, will be the dominant party of the future."

It will be seen that Senator Brown, of Georgia, has introduced a bill for the repeal of the entire internal revenue system. No doubt it will give rise to considerable discussion, and there may be some delay in the final passage of the bill, but it is generally conceded that it is one of the measures which is sure to pass. There have been few acts of Congress which have caused more evil than the internal revenue in Western North Carolina. It was a curse to the people, causing vexations, troubles, dishonesty, afflictions, losses and death. It demoralized them socially and politically, causing them to do things they despised; and because it was a gross innovation upon their ancient rights and privileges, they detested the government and hated the officials sent to execute the law. This paper has constantly denounced the system, and hail the prospect of its repeal with joy.

TIMBER AND TIMBER LANDS.—The time has passed in this country when a man may buy a few hundred acres of land and go upon it with his ax-men and fell the trees and roll up great heaps and burn them. It has already come to pass that the timber on an acre of land is equal to or more valuable than any crop the land can produce. The word now, and it comes from a thousand pens throughout the South, is—take care of your timber and set your old fields in timber trees. 1,200 timber lands in Michigan is quoted at \$35 the acre. In Massachusetts pine timber is recommended as a valuable investment. North Carolinians having valuable timber lands, should bear in mind facts like those in order not to undervalue their possessions. Railroads are bringing our timber lands within reach of markets which pay full prices for building and other woods; and railroads are extending at the rate of about 10,000 miles a year. It will not be long at the present rate of business in this progressive country of ours until lands of all kinds, and especially timber land, will become far more valuable than they are now.

The Northern papers are beginning to pay attention to the numerous and heavy taxes the people have to pay and to demand a positive reduction. Reform is the cry. The Philadelphia American, Republican, says: "From many States in the North come the complaints of heavily taxed people. They are taxed in Pennsylvania, for example, for State purposes, for county purposes, for city, borough, or township purposes, and for school purposes. Their State taxation is largely indirect, but the other forms are direct and heavy. Assistance to them would be welcome and timely."

Senator Beck, of Kentucky, is after Jay Hubbell, the man who levied assessments on Government officials for election purposes. Hubbell has taken the alarm and it is said has ordered his agents to destroy all the assessment records. The reason? Many of the better sort of Republicans are backing Senator Beck. They also want to know what Hubbell did with the tens of thousands of dollars collected by him—who got it and all about it. It is a question of deep concern to every citizen who desires to see the government administered in a wise and honest manner.

It seems that the Administration at Washington has resolved on taking cognizance of the disaffection of those republicans in North Carolina who could not conscientiously support the mongrel internal revenue ticket put in the field by Mott and Co., Wheeler, who, before the election, it was understood would supersede Everett as Collector, has been laid on the shelf, or counted out, on that score, and one Causey, of Greensboro, is to be rewarded for his devotion to the cause of opposition, so warmly approved by President Arthur. Gen. Dockery, or some other influential republican at Washington, it is conjectured, will see that the President's displeasure is visited on the right man.

T. H. Jones, the president of the Nashville "Royal Benefit" marriage association, is not only in trouble, but is (or was a few days ago) in jail, charged with obtaining money under false pretences. These marriage associations were amongst the most transparent bubbles that ever floated for a day and burst.—Char. Journal.

The prospective Mrs. Cleveland, who is expected to preside over the executive mansion at Albany, is Miss Mary Burdette, a lady residing near Utica. The Governor-elect has been about six years making up his mind to it, but the question is said to have been popped at it.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR AND CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

It seems not inappropriate in the face of certain declared sentiments which were given to the public by the President in his late message, briefly noticed in last week's paper, for us to make a comparison or two to fully illustrate the wide difference between the actual "principle and rules" that have heretofore controlled all appointments to public service by the Executive, and the forced or assumed position now taken by his excellency on the subject of reform in this department of our government. For this purpose we give the subjoined extracts taken from the message, from which it is seen that his policy, as therein set forth, is sound and thoroughly Democratic on this vital subject. Then it remains for us to see if there be found any substantial grounds for hope of real, true, permanent reform resulting from or growing out of President Arthur's administration, or from any of the present leaders of his party! But here our reform. After referring to a former proposition made in a previous message to Congress, he says:

"Since these suggestions were submitted for your consideration there has been no legislation upon the subject to which they relate, but there has meanwhile been an increase in the public interest on that subject, and the people of the country, apparently without distinction of party, have in various ways and upon frequent occasions given expression to their earnest wish for prompt and definite action. In my judgment such action should not be long or delayed. I may add that my own sense of its pressing importance has been quickened by observation of a practical phase of the matter to which attention has more than once been called. It is true that before the close of the present session some decisive action may be taken for correction of the evils which inhere in the present method of appointment and I assure you of my hearty co-operation in any measures which are likely to conduce to that end. As to the most appropriate term and tenure of the official life of the subordinate employees of the government it seems to be generally agreed that whatever their extent or character, the one should be definite and the other stable, and that they should be regulated by zeal in the service of party or fidelity to the fortunes of an individual, it matters little to the people at large what competent person is at the head of this department or of that bureau, if they feel assured that the removal of one and the accession of another will not involve the retirement of honest and faithful subordinates whose duties are purely administrative and have no legitimate connection with the triumph of any political principles or the success of any political party or faction. It is to this latter class of officers that the Senate bill to which I have already referred exclusively applies, while neither that bill nor any other presentment scheme for improving the civil service concerns the higher grade of officials who are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate."

I declare my approval of such legislation as may be found necessary for supplementing the existing provisions of law in relation to political assessments. In July last I authorized a public announcement that employees of the government should regard themselves as at liberty to exercise their pleasure in making or refusing to make political contributions, and that their action in that regard would in no manner affect their official status. In this announcement I acted upon the belief which I had always maintained, and still maintain, that a public officer should be as absolutely free as any other citizen to give or to withhold a contribution for the aid of the political party of his choice. It has, however, been urged, and doubtless not without foundation, in fact, that by solicitation of official superiors, and by other modes, such contributions have at times been obtained from persons whose only motive for giving has been the fear of what might befall them if they refused. It goes without saying that such contributions are not voluntary, and in my judgment their collection should be prohibited by law. A bill which will effectually suppress them will receive my cordial approval."

Correct! But back of all this sound theorizing, what has Chester A. Arthur done to show that he is in earnest? Has he ever raised his finger toward suppressing these evils? Does he and his following suppose the intelligent masses of the people do not remember the systematic way in which "other modes" have most generally been resorted to in forcing contributions from government employees, and understand the amount of hypocrisy there is embodied in his latter-day caught up policy? The people are enlightening on this subject as they are on many others, and have unmistakably demanded relief from the shamefully corruptive policy which has stigmatized American Republicanism in the sight of the civilized world. And with a degree of effrontery perhaps never before surpassed these Radical saints haste to join honest patriots in the cry for reform.

But let's revert to the President's past record on this subject: Whose administration sanctions the prescription of all federal officers in Virginia who refused to support the policy of the dastard traitor, Mahone? Whose administration discharges honest men from office for voting their honest principles, and rewards such men as Mahone, Riddleberger, Chalmers, Mott, and their like with federal patronage? Whose administration gave its sanction to the late Hubbell-Mahone-Mott assessments, made on all government employees from the poor colored laborer to the higher salaried official? Whose administration takes off the heads of every officer who refuses to contribute his money to the corruption fund? Arthur's administration has perpetrated all these outrages upon freemen in this free country, as did his Republican predecessors, and the people know it.

The Philadelphia Times, an independent Republican journal of much prominence, recognizing the true policy of the administration in regard to this question, shows the danger of tying faith to any of their professions or promises, and utters strong doubts of that party's doing anything of a permanent character toward reform in this or any other direction; and cites the

fact of "such Republicans as Anthony, Edmunds, Hawley and Mitchell bowing meekly at Mahone's altar," and there deliberately entering into a disreputable compact with the most contemptible "political scoundrel" known in the annals of the republic. All done for the sake of maintaining supremacy and controlling federal official patronage.

The Winston Leader, commenting on an article in the Star, remarks that "for the past four years there has been a widespread and deep-seated belief on the part of very many true and intelligent Democrats in North Carolina that the Democratic party is being bossed in North Carolina; a feeling has pervaded many of our most useful workers that there is a disposition on the part of a few men to prescribe anything like a free discussion or expression of opinion about the powers that be. It has been asserted that certain rings are determined to rule or ruin the Democratic party in North Carolina. Will the Star tell us why there was such a large Democratic loss in the first, second, third and fourth Congressional districts which comprise most of the negro counties? There is a great battle before us in 1884. Our esteemed neighbor may take our word for it, if we wish to carry this State in 1884, our party has got to do some unloading before that time."

We have no disposition to engage in controversy, for good does not result from such a course. But good-tempered discussion is not controversy. If the Democratic party in North Carolina is being bossed, it is time for us all to know it, and to find out all about it, and set our faces against it. Even at the risk of intruding, we will attempt to answer the question addressed to the Star. The falling off in the Democratic vote in the four districts named, as well as in the other districts, arose from several causes. First, it was not a general election, and the vote was naturally a light one, secondly, many Democrats were indifferent because they were dissatisfied with the prohibition bill. There is no use in any one shutting his eyes to this latter fact. It is patent. But with that we have not to deal. The question arising on the article of the Leader is different—is the Democratic party bossed? For ourselves we say no. There are about seventy-five Democratic newspapers in the State, and if any of them are restrained in an expression of opinion, we have not observed it. The several county conventions meet as usual, and they generally are a fair index of the local sentiment. The State conventions are apt to be a reflex of public sentiment. We do not mean to say that here and there the friends of some aspirant or officeholder are taken a short turn, or an unfair hold, but we do mean to say the Democratic party of North Carolina is free, very free from the dominant influence of any set of men. Public opinion exerts its due away and there are no bulldozers among us. If there are bosses, they do not exert their supposed power. If there are bosses, they drift along with public opinion. If it is meant that there are men in this State who are regarded as wise, safe, sound, patriotic men, and whose devotion to the party is so great and so well established that their advice is esteemed and their merits appreciated, to that we agree. But no man or set of men being Democrats have any patronage worth talking about to bestow, and this is the very foundation of the boss system.

Now who is the Democratic boss? Who has any patronage that may be used to coerce public action? All of the patronage of the entire State administration does not amount to a row of pins. We doubt if all its patronage could control the votes of the State against the ruling public sentiment. Men are prominent because people come to have confidence in their wisdom and patriotism, and prominent men are accepted as leaders of public thought as long as they are in accord with public sentiment.

"Who is the Democratic boss?" We had occasion to ask this question a week or two ago, but as yet no one has answered it. In the name of all the gods at once, if any one knows who is "bossing" the Democratic party of the State "for their own aggrandizement" let him name the man, the time or times, the place or places, and how, and why, and all about it. Any one making the charge, and feeling that the party must "unload" some one or more of its prominent men, owes it to himself and the party to make a full exhibit of all the facts upon which he bases his opinion. Let us have the facts, and let them pass for what they are worth.

There is a bill before Congress to appropriate \$10,000,000 a year for educational purposes, to be distributed among the States in proportion to their illiteracy. The Charlotte Journal well says if the money is to be managed by State and not Federal officers, "we would rejoice to see the measure pass." True we want no Federal officers lordling it over our people, and defying State laws and State officials.

MacKellar, Smiths & Jordan's "Typographical Advertiser" for Falltime, 1882, is the most beautiful specimen of type work we have seen, and what is better still, the type metal exceeds in durability that of any other known to us. Bruce has been called the "king of the type foundry," but he does not make more accurate nor as durable type as the house above named.

Body snatchers in Richmond, Va., have been having an easy time until the night of the 13th, when the police arrested two white and two black men in the act of opening a grave in Oak Wood Cemetery. A search of the Medical College there led to the discovery of four bodies recently exhumed—two from Oak Wood.

The suit against the Supervisor of Elections for Charleston county, charged with violation of election laws, under Judge Bonds instruction to the jury resulted in acquittal.

U. S. Marshals have no authority to enter polling precincts unless called upon by supervisors for the purpose of preventing fraud or suppressing violence.

The Cashier of the Little Rock and Fort Smith R. R. is denounced as a defaulter in the sum of \$10,000.

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WANDO ACID PHOSPHATE!

The highest grade Acid Phosphate, containing Potash, sold in North Carolina last season. Send to Dr. C. W. DABNEY, Jr., at Raleigh, for analyses of the different Brands. GERMAN KAINIT, OF DIRECT IMPORTATION, FOR SALE BY THE WANDO PHOSPHATE COMPANY, CHARLESTON, S. C. FRANCIS B. HACKER, President. JOSIAH J. BROWN, Treasurer.

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A. PARKER, Nov. 30.

Dec. 12, New York, cotton, uplands, 10 3-16; New Orleans, 10 1/4.

The N. Y. Herald has been beaten in a libel suit to the tune of \$20,000, and wants a new trial.

Ostrich farming in California is becoming one of the profitable industries of that State.

Arch Bishop Canterbury died December 3rd. His last words were; "It is coming, it is coming!"

J. R. Elkins, Esq., of Albemarle, N. C., has purchased the "Stanley Gleamer" and removed it from Norwood to Albemarle.

Joe White and El. Miller young white men, fell upon Wm. Worsham, (white), going to a prayer meeting near Davidson College, and wounded him so badly as to cause his death. They have fled.

Miss Annie Louise Alexander, of Mecklenburg, is taking her second and last course in a Female Medical College in Philadelphia, and will soon be ready for her degree.

A man of Indianapolis, Indiana, has patented a process for making eggs. Cotton seed oil and coal tar afford the extracts employed. It makes yolk, white, shell and all, and proposes to supply the market at from 6 to 10 cents per doz.

Several examples are related in the newspapers of how seed cotton has been saved from fire by covering it with dirt after the building in which it was stored has burned and fallen down. No doubt much could be saved in this way where it is practicable to heap on the dirt.

A Postmaster and a Justice of the Peace of Stanley county have been detected in stealing \$175 from a poor old man in their neighborhood, and are now having a leisure time in Cabarrus jail, this cool weather, to reflect on the acts of their past lives, and especially on the one for which they are now suffering, which haunts them with the vision of a term of years in the Penitentiary. It is a sad condition.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE!

Having administered on the estate of Aaron Rainey, dec'd, I will sell at public auction on the late premises of the deceased, on the 28th December, 1882, two Horses, two Milch Cows, one Yearling, seven Hogs, Farming Tools, Corn, Wheat, Oats, Hay, Fodder, &c., together with Household and Kitchen Furniture.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Those having claims against the said Aaron Rainey, dec'd, are required to exhibit them on or before the 13th day of December, 1882, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery; and those indebted to the estate of said dec'd, must pay without delay. J. L. CAUBLE, Adm'r. Rowan co., Dec. 13th, 1882. 31 pl

GOODS AT COST!

With a view of changing our business we will at once commence selling the following goods at cost:

OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF READY-MADE CLOTHING! LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S FINE SHOES, LADIES' SHAWLS AND CLOAKS, LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S UNDERWEAR, WHITE AND COLORED BLANKETS, WATER PROOFING, CLOAKINGS AND BEAVER CLOTHS. We have the best stock of

DRESS GOODS In the town which must be sold regardless of COST. A splendid line of

PRINTS AT 5cts. PER YARD. We intend making a clean sweep of our FANCY GOODS NOW IS AN OPPORTUNITY OF BUYING

CHRISTMAS GOODS LOW. Dec. 7th, 1882.

JONES, McCUBBINS & CO. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SALE of LAND!

Will be sold on the premises on the 22d day of December next, the land of GEORGE A. LOCKE, deceased, containing 270 acres. Said land will be divided and sold in two separate lots—the Anderson place, containing 120 acres, on which is a good Dwelling, Barn, and necessary out-buildings. The Van Eaton place, containing 150 acres and no buildings, is well timbered—has some good Creek and Branch bottom-lands on it, and some fair specimens of Gold. Said lands lie on Fourth Creek in Scotch Irish township, Rowan county, adjoining the lands of A. A. Hart, John Campbell and others; is well watered, and produces corn, wheat, oats and cotton, freely. Lies in a good neighborhood. Any one wishing to examine the property can do so by calling on Mr. Henry G. Lippard, who resides on the place, and will point it out. Terms of sale CASH. J. D. JOHNSTON, Ex'r. Geo. Locke, dec'd. Nov. 13, 1882. 5:34

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE! Pursuant to an order of the Superior Court of Rowan county, I will expose to sale at auction, in the town of Enochville, on Saturday the 23d day of December, 1882, about

110 ACRES OF LAND, situated in Atwell Township, Rowan county, adjoining the lands of John Butler, David Deal, Hugh Parks, and others, being Lot No. 2 in the division of the lands of Smiley Oehler, deceased.

This land is well located, and is very valuable. TERMS of sale—One-third cash, one-third in six months, and one-third in twelve months. Interest from day of sale on deferred payments, at the rate of 8 per cent., title retained until purchase money is paid. SAM'L H. WILEY, Com'r. (P. O., Salisbury, N. C.) BLACKMER & HENDERSON, Attys. November 18, 1882.—6:51

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY! Notice is hereby given that I will offer for sale at public auction, at the late residence of Elizabeth Lyery, dec'd, in Franklin township, on the 27th day of November, 1882, the following personal property, to wit: One horse and buggy, three head of cattle, 8 or 10 hogs and pigs, about 50 bushels of corn, about 20 bushels of wheat, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture, and perhaps other articles. Terms of sale—Cash. 4:3w

FOR RENT. SHOP & DWELLING! Property situated on Main Street, opposite Meroney's Hall. To examine property and learn terms, apply to MRS. RITZ, Owner.

Royster's CANDY. A 5 lb. box of French CANDY, delivered free, at any express office for \$2.50. 3 lb. box for \$1.75. Standard for Purity and Excellence. Address, A. D. ROYSTER & BRO., Raleigh, N. C. Best in the World. 8:1m

LAND AND MILL PROPERTY FOR SALE. I offer my Plantation and Mill Property for sale, situated on Crane Creek 5 miles South of Salisbury, containing 230 acres—75 to 100 is Bottom. There is a good dwelling house with all necessary out buildings. The Mill property consists of a Brick Mill with an excellent pair of Burrs and Corn Mill with the Farrar Pat. Turbine water wheels, a new Eureka Saut machine and a new Bolting Cloth. The Cotton-Gin house is 24x36, two story building, right new with a Hall Gin, Condenser and self-feeder, with a Liddle Boss Press. There is an Engine and Boiler of 35 horse power situated between the two arranged so as to run either or all at the same time. The above property is in good repair at this time. Any person wishing to buy such property will do well to call on me at Salisbury, N. C. Nov. 28th '82. P. N. HEILIG. 7:6t

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF RAIL ROAD STOCK. On Saturday January 6th, 1883, I will sell three shares of N. C. R. R. Stock for cash. Sale to take place at 12 o'clock M. at the Court House in Salisbury. H. C. BOST, Adm'r. de bonis non of Burrage Heathman. Dec. 6th, '82. 8:1m

SHERIFF'S SALE OF LAND! By virtue of Venditio Executores and execution issued out of the Superior Court of Rowan County in favor of P. N. Heilig & Son against John L. Cruse, in my hands for collection, I will sell at public auction, at the Court House door in the town of Salisbury, on the 27th day of November, 1882, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said John L. Cruse, in and to the following real property, viz: A tract of land in Rowan county, adjoining the lands of John P. Rimer, Henry Klutts, and others, and known as the Chancey Young place. Terms, Cash.—Dated at Salisbury, the 18th day of September, 1882. C. C. KRIDER, S'ff. 3:4w

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE! Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Rebecca Cowan, deceased, I hereby give notice to all persons having claims against the deceased to exhibit the same to me on or before the 25th day of November, 1882, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. W. L. STEELE, Adm'r. of Rebecca Cowan. Nov. 20th, 1882.—6:6w

Notice to Debtors and Creditors! Notices is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of Rufus R. Knox, deceased, to make early payment; and those having claims against said Rufus R. Knox, dec'd, must present them to me on or before the 23d of November, 1882. AMANDA E. KNOX, Adm'r. Nov. 23d, 1882.—6:7w

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY. HAVING qualified as Executor of the estate of Mary Hall, dec'd, I will sell at public sale, at her late residence, On Thursday, the 21st of December, Wheat, Corn, two head of Cattle, 10 HOGS, Household & Kitchen Furniture, and other articles not mentioned. Terms of sale Cash. All persons having claims against the said Mary Hall, dec'd, are hereby notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th of November, 1882, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make prompt payment. A. L. HALL, Ex'r. Nov. 30, 1882. 7:1t

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