

THE ROANOKE NEWS  
THURSDAY MAY 7, 1891.

We notice that the ROANOKE NEWS in an article remarkable for the way in which different things are jumbled up, has something to say about the News and Observer and the Farmers' Alliance, or rather about "the son-of-a-bitch" News and Observer and the Intelligence and the Alliance.

The NEWS may possess its soul in patience, as far as the News and Observer is concerned. The editor of this paper reported the platform adopted at the last State convention, and if others are willing to stand upon that platform, we shall be the last to abandon it. Whether the editor of the ROANOKE NEWS has ever gone outside of that platform to find a shibboleth or not, concerns us very little. We have not. We have kept the faith. If there has been any deviation from party principles, it has not been by us.

But all that is by the way. While we know very well that members of the Farmers' Alliance have sought to poison the minds of the people against the News and Observer, and while we have neither a longer or shorter memory than other people, yet the mission of the News and Observer is to strengthen the Democratic party in the State and in the Union; and it has no other cause to advocate, no other object to pursue. It welcomes the company of all who will take their stand beneath the folds of the Democratic banner, and who will seek to secure a Democratic victory. It believes that the Farmers' Alliance in North Carolina cannot be led by any leadership away from the Democratic party, and to quote the laudatory words of our contemporary, giving them, however, a different application, "we will hope not until they show such a disposition." The News and Observer is a born Democrat, and has an abiding faith in the sober judgment of the people—News and Observer.

We had no intention or desire to do either the News and Observer, or the Intelligence an injustice, and we wrote the last paragraph of the article to which the above from the News and Observer is an answer to show that we did not believe either of those papers desired to antagonize the Farmers' Alliance. It is not our fault if Mr. Ashe chooses to misunderstand our words. The two rumors seemed to us to relate to each other, and we are sorry we have not both papers by us now. However, since the News and Observer disclaims any antagonism to the Farmers' Alliance of course the rumor is worth nothing.

There are several insinuations in the News and Observer's article which we wish to notice. One is to the effect that the editor of this paper has gone outside the Democratic platform. Such an insinuation is unworthy Mr. Ashe, and what is more it has no foundation in truth. The editor of this paper is as good a Democrat as Mr. Ashe in every respect, except in arrogating to himself the entire wisdom and loyalty to the party.

We know not and care not whether certain members of the Alliance have sought to poison the minds of the people against the News and Observer. The ROANOKE NEWS has sought once or twice to correct in the public mind what it deemed to be error disseminated by the News and Observer, if there were poison anywhere it was contained in the columns of the News and Observer itself. For that Mr. Ashe alone is responsible.

So far as the Intelligence is concerned in this matter we wish to say that we have seen nothing in its columns to justify the belief that it has been or will be antagonistic to the Farmers' Alliance. On the other hand we reprint an editorial to the contrary from its last issue.

The platform adopted by the Democratic State convention, in this city last year, contains the essential principles of the Alliance, and such as were satisfactory to the members of the Democratic party who do not belong to the Alliance. It was the result of calm, dispassionate consultation between the representatives of these two elements of Democracy, and was agreed upon as just to both, and conservative of the best interest of the State. This platform is now the platform of the whole Democratic party of North Carolina. It is the latest official announcement of the political principles the Democratic party professes, and which it is pledged to advance. The writer accepts it as his political chart, because it embodies the principles which the farmers and other business men of a State thought were sound and safe basis of our laws, and for guidance and administration of the government upon the platform, and North Carolina principles, and are a trial sea.

no reference to his speech. He says that it may be a sub-section of the third and they

A STRANGE PHENOMENON.

AURELIAN SPRINGS, N. C., May 4th, 1891.

EDITORIAL NEWS.—The funeral sermon of the late Mrs. Dr. W. M. Perkins was preached at Tabor on yesterday, by Rev. R. O. Burton, D. D. A large crowd of friends of the deceased of all denominations, gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of the departed sister. The morning was calm, bright and beautiful, a perfect May day, but the occasion was one of deep solemnity and gloom. The discourse was from the 19th chapter of Job: "I know that my Redeemer liveth," &c., and while the Doctor was in the midst of his sermon and the congregation listening with profound attention, a bright light as a flash of lightning flashed across the church and stood just above the head of the preacher and then disappeared. This bright light was some who saw it, thought to be the spirit of the departed sister. Others thought that it was caused by some one outside of the church. I am unable to account for it in any way, as I have never seen anything like it before, and can only testify to what I saw. Very respectfully,  
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