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THE SENTINEL.

BROTHER DRAKE.

We are sorry to see Brother Drake of the Statesville [illegible] his whig departing [illegible] and his old whig teachings.

In the [illegible] of April 1st, he [illegible] his platform, and the first plank is Henry Clay.

The second is regret that Clay could not live always.

The third is "peace and harmony throughout the country."

Fourth, "opposition to secession."

Fifth, "Vigorous prosecution of the war when war became inevitable."

Sixth, "Democratic party, whig and democrat being merged chiefly into the republican party."

Seventh, "Regret to see sectionalism and hatred in the [illegible]."

Eighth, "We [illegible] principles, believing at the [illegible] of the old party were doing he would do likewise."

We have hope of reasoning Brother Drake off his platform.

His first plank is [illegible] wood.

His second plank [illegible] the [illegible] of the Great [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] platform is [illegible] after the [illegible] has been [illegible].

[illegible]

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The *Long Ferry* gives notice [illegible] to meet on the 15 [illegible]. [illegible] stockholders will meet [illegible]. What is the [illegible]

[illegible]

Last week we will try and get the full [illegible] put it below par with all good men.

NAVIGATION OF THE CAPE FEAR.

We learn from Capt. [illegible] of Chatham, that the new steamer, George [illegible], [illegible] at Lockville on the [illegible] and made her trial trip the same day to Buckhorn.

Who would believe that a steamer could or would be built at Lockville? If those who have gone to the other and better world [illegible] at what takes place in their [illegible], how Judge Murphy would rejoice to see a steamer on the Cape Fear!

Judge Murphy, fifty years ago, spent his fortune in an unsuccessful effort to make the Cape Fear navigable. Nor was that [illegible] the public [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Murphy [illegible] the idea of navigating the Cape Fear [illegible] Pee Dee, [illegible] passed by the legislature fifty years ago for that purpose, and sank his own fortune and that of many friends in the patriotic endeavor to carry out his plans. But some will say, as Juliet said to Romeo, [illegible] there is nothing in a name, and a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet, [illegible] name from Dock to Watts, and for a [illegible] from Watts to Bay [illegible] the same luck by [illegible] name, [illegible] as strong. If it were not for

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be called Archibald Murphy.

THE ROBESON OUTLAWS.

We publish to-day in this column a history of the Robeson county outlaws from the pen of Alexander MacRae, Esq., of Robeson county, written at the request of Col. F. D. Hall to vindicate the character of the people of Robeson, and to correct the misstatements of the sensational correspondents of the New York *Herald*. Mr. MacRae and Col. Hall deserve the thanks of the people of the State for this timely publication. We publish also a letter from Col. Hall to E. J. Hale, Esq., on the subject. We copy both papers from the Wilmington [illegible].

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 27, 1872.

MR. E. J. HALE, NEW YORK:

Dear Sir:—[illegible] communication which [illegible] portion of North Carolina [illegible]

[illegible]

Mr. MacRae [illegible]

[illegible]

I am very respectfully,
Your friend,
F. D. HALL.

CAPT. [illegible] GERMANY.—[illegible] story as follows: On the night of the 8th of November, 1859, [illegible] carriage close by the House of Correction at Spandau [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Altstrelitz [illegible] [illegible] experienced any molestation [illegible] authorities.

THE LAWLESS LOWREYS!

Authentic History of their Crimes!

THE SLANDERS OF THE HERALD REFUTED!

ROBESON AND HER PEOPLE VINDICATED!

A BLOODY RECORD!

ARGYLE, ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.,
March 26, 1872.

[illegible]:

DEAR SIR: In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 22d [illegible] to be furnished with such information as I possessed relating to the [illegible] of this county [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] been for many years [illegible] Henry Berry Lowrey and his gang against the white people of the county, and the [illegible] of the population [illegible]

Some time in the fall or winter of 1863, Henry Berry Lowrey, one of his brothers, William I think, fled to the swamps to escape detail to the forts at the mouth of the Cape Fear River, and while hiding [illegible] from Florence, S. C. They established a camp in the Back Swamp near the plantation of James P. Barnes, and committed various depredations [illegible] hogs and sheep. Some time in January or February, 1864, the exact date I do not recollect, Jas. P. Barnes while out turkey hunting in the swamp, came upon their camp and charged them with the killing of his [illegible] threatening to inform the [illegible] of their whereabouts [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] newspaper. Barnes fell, though not killed, and H. B. Lowrey and his brother William, and one of the escaped prisoners came out of the [illegible] to Barnes, and H. B. Lowrey [illegible] he was not dead [illegible] him for [illegible] officers after them, and afterwards placed the muzzle of his gun to his face and shot, tearing nearly half of one side of his face off. They then left and strange to say Barnes lived until his brother Dr. John Barnes who was attracted by the firing came to his relief, and got him home, sending for a magistrate at his request, before whom he deposed these facts. This was the first murder committed by the Lowreys, which was at that time [illegible] and the result [illegible] as to have [illegible] murders [illegible] James P. Barnes [illegible] and gentleman [illegible] universally [illegible] whom every [illegible] heard two or three of the mulattoes express [illegible] disapprobation of the killing of so good a man as Barnes, though never expressing an opinion as to who killed him.

The next murder committed by the Lowreys was that of James Brantly Harris some time in [illegible], [illegible] from the [illegible] heard them [illegible] [illegible] a native of this county, but a vagabond from the upper county, who had settled in Scuffletown among the mulattoes, where he kept a small bar [illegible] liquors. He was charged with [illegible] with some of the wives and daughters of his customers, and from this cause first sprung enmities between himself and the Lowreys. After the breaking out of the war, Harris was appointed Sergeant, Lieutenant [illegible] of the conscription, and was [illegible] been detailed to work on the fortifications [illegible] against him was the stirring [illegible] George Lowrey [illegible] H. B. Lowrey. The circumstances of the murder of these two young men, Allen and Wesley, were substantially as follows:—Harris was ordered to report with those two men at Moss Neck Depot, and on attempting to arrest them, was resisted, when [illegible] on some of the home guard to assist him, and to help guard them until they reached Moss Neck. When the arrest was made [illegible] nation, accompanied by a guard of home guard [illegible] Moss Neck [illegible] the latter [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] their doors. Some time in the latter part of February they were reported as being on the Rockingham road, working their way up towards the upper end of the county, and the prospect of offering resistance was generally discussed [illegible] the farmers living on the road [illegible] them declaring that, as no [illegible] resistance could be offered to such a force (they were variously stated at from twenty to fifty,) the best way was to open the doors to them and let them plunder at will, particularly as the county was then nearly stripped of men capable of bearing arms. On this discussion my present wife then the widow of Dr. Neil McNair, was out [illegible], and she expressed pretty warmly her [illegible] [illegible] their want of nerve in [illegible] termining to open their doors to a band of robbers, and vowed she would never open hers, that if they came in they would have to break them down. At that time there was refugeeing here with Mrs. McRae two families, her sister and family and her brother's wife and family. These two ladies counseled moderation, and the discussion continued until the afternoon of the 27th of February, when two young men, acquaintances of Mrs. McRae, came down from Richmond county on a visit of two or three days, and Mrs. McRae declared that with such an addition to the defensive force she would resist them to the last. On the same night, about twelve o'clock, the band came to the front door and demanded admittance. Mrs. McRae ran up stairs and aroused the two young men, telling them the robbers were at the door. One of the young men, the wounded Confederate soldier, of whom Mr. Townsend makes mention, had his pistols with him, one a large navy revolver, and other a small pocket-revolver, which he brought down with him, handing the smaller one to Mrs. McRae. When he reached the lower passage, the robbers had broken into one of the room windows and were engaged in plundering. He opened the door and fired on one man who was on his knees over a trunk, which he was about breaking open. This frightened them and they sprang through the window, not seemingly anticipating any defense. They afterwards went to the wood yard and got an axe and torches and came back, swearing they would break the door down and murder every one in the house. They commenced splitting the door panels with the axe, and while doing so one of the number stood immediately in front of the side light holding a torch for the others to see. The wounded soldier and Mrs. McRae were stooping on the same side of the door and just below the side light, watching their proceedings. As the man on side leaned his back against the sash, the young soldier placed the muzzle of his pistol against the glass and fired, driving the ball through the man, a little below the shoulder, who, falling forward on his face, pitched the torch out into the yard. This created a great confusion outside, and the parties picked up their murdered comrade and carried him out of the front gate some distance, swearing they would come back and have revenge. They did return in a few minutes, bringing other torches with them, and as they approached the steps fired a volley through the side lights, shivering the glass, and almost blinding the young man with the particles which were knocked into his face and eyes, and cutting Mrs. MacRae's neck slightly. Fortunately the shot did not strike either, but lodged in the ceiling overhead. After [illegible] door gave way, and the party [illegible] did however, [illegible] Mrs. MacRae [illegible] the young man [illegible] herself and on [illegible] as to who had fired the [illegible] declared she had [illegible]. At this a mulatto, three of whom had entered with the crowd, swore he would kill her, and [illegible] for the purpose, but the officer in command ordered him to desist, and [illegible] man who [illegible] His threat, however, [illegible] the mulatto, whom she [illegible] H. B. Lowrey, from striking [illegible] the back with the [illegible] walked down the [illegible] The officer again [illegible] After this no further violence was offered, but the crowd began to help themselves to whatever they found to suit them, [illegible] jewelry, &c., they [illegible] together with a quantity of [illegible]. The day after the [illegible] determined to [illegible] were stationed [illegible] twenty-five or thirty, [illegible] on to Scuffletown, where [illegible] reported to have halted [illegible] plunder. The band had [illegible] they got to [illegible] the party then hearing that H. B. and William Lowrey were at their [illegible], proceeded [illegible] Allen, H. B. and William [illegible] them prisoners while some of the party searched the premises and found in a cave under the house a storage of various kinds, guns, [illegible] some of which were recognized [illegible] property of some of the party [illegible] They then held a consultation [illegible] the party voted for [illegible] others, and generally [illegible] of the party, counseled [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] are chargeable [illegible] revenge [illegible] for mur[illegible] [illegible] Mr. Townsend's false statement [illegible] and then have done with [illegible] of the vilest fiends [illegible] this county for eight years [illegible] by their own prowess [illegible] them by the [illegible] as well as by the community [illegible] ought to [illegible] and frown down crime in [illegible] of this [illegible] neighbors and [illegible] in the county.

[illegible] correspondent of the New York *Herald*, Mr. Townsend, has devoted a [illegible]

[illegible] adopt the charitable view that he got his information from some [illegible] Mr. [illegible], who took that cowardly method of stabbing his memory or injuring his family. Murdock A. McLean requires no eulogist in this county, still I cannot let the occasion pass without correcting the record which appears over Mr. Townsend's signature. I have been more intimate with Mr. McLean than I have been with any other young man in the county, and I can safely say that I have never known him to be guilty of a contemptible or mean act. He was faithful in the discharge of his duties, fearless, and ready at any and all times to aid a friend or neighbor, or to afford [illegible] to any one in distress without regard to race, color, or condition. The last act of his life was one of unselfishness. At the time of his death, two months of the county had been [illegible] out by order of the Adjutant-General and was sent to the camp at Eureka, [illegible] from each regiment to serve two weeks, and then be [illegible] other details. Mr. A. McLean had served two weeks, and returned home only to find that his brother Hugh was detailed for the following two weeks. Hugh being in feeble health, Murdock determined that he should remain at home and he would serve two weeks more in his stead, and it was while driving over to the depot to take the cars—Hugh going to take the horse and buggy back home—that they were both shot.

Another instance where a foul mouthed hypocrite has made use of Mr. Townsend's pen to asperse a good and pure man, is in the case of Rev. J. H. Coble. This gentleman is [illegible] his own cause, but as I am [illegible] with facts in connection with the Lowrey gang I will state what I have heard from parties who were present at the killing of Allen and William Lowrey. Mr. Townsend calls Mr. Coble the high priest of the devil, and states that he fired off his prayer and his shot gun at the same time at the two Lowreys. This is simply false. Mr. Coble is represented as having been earnest in his endeavor to quell the passions of the parties who advocated the shooting of the Lowreys, counseled an appeal to the only proper tribunal—the law, and did, when he found that his advice availed nothing, offer up an earnest prayer for the pardon of the two who were then about to be shot, and afterwards, when some of the crowd insisted upon "wiping out" the whole family, he interfered so decidedly that he prevented further bloodshed and saved the life of Allen Lowrey's wife. It is easy for us here to guess from whom Mr. Townsend gets such information in regard to the two persons named above, and we know that the parties are only bruising their own heads in attempting to hurt honest people.

It is only necessary to cite one other instance of the source [illegible] information as he [illegible] "persecuted [illegible]" of whom he speaks [illegible] both in [illegible] the hardest case in this [illegible] settlement, can out-drink, out-swear [illegible] anything in the shape of a man [illegible] I have ever met with.

Respectfully yours,
ALEX. McRAE.

For the Sentinel.

GASTON COUNTY CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the democratic conservative party [illegible] county, held at the court-house in Dallas, April [illegible], 1872, [illegible] delegates to represent [illegible] in the State convention, and for the transaction of other business.

On motion of W. T. Shipp, Dr. James M. Abernathy was called to the chair and R. W. Sandifer was appointed secretary.

On motion of B. C. Cobb, Esq., a committee of five was appointed by the chairman, consisting of A. C. Henderson, F. M. Aderholdt, C. Q. Petty, Robt. D. Rhyne and B. C. Cobb, to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting. During the absence of the committee the meeting was addressed by M. A. Moore and R. W. Sandifer, Esq's.

In due time the committee returned, and through their foreman, B. C. Cobb, Esq., reported the following resolutions. Mr. Cobb in a few appropriate remarks discussed the propriety of each resolution. After which they were unanimously adopted.

The conservative party of Gaston county do hereby resolve:

1. That the chairman of this meeting be authorized to appoint fifteen delegates to represent Gaston county in the democratic conservative convention, which assembles at Greensboro on the 1st day of May, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Governor and other state officers, and further that any conservative of this county who may be in Greensboro on that day [illegible] delegate.

2. That the proposed [illegible] amendments meet our hearty and unqualified approval, and in our opinion should receive the sanction of the people of the state.

3. That though we have preferences yet our delegates shall not be fettered with particular instructions, and that we pledge our support to the nominees of the party.

4. That we cordially invite all persons of all political creeds to unite with us in our efforts to break up political corruption and in instituting a thorough reform in all departments of the government.

5. That our hearty thanks are due to our representative, Hon. J. G. Gulick for his faithfulness and efficiency in the discharge of his duties.

The chairman appointed the following gentlemen, to attend the state convention at Greensboro: E. M. Alcorn, L. Ephon Black, H. B. Huffstetler, C. Q. Petty, Thomas Wilson, J. F. Wilson, C. Wm. A. Stowe, James W. Reid, Wm. Q. Stowe, W. T. Shipp, A. W. Davenport, Robt. D. Rhyne, J. B. White, B. C. Cobb and R. W. Sandifer. The meeting was then addressed by F. W. [illegible], Esq., and Hon. James H. White.

It was moved and adopted that Tuesday, May 7th, be appointed as the time for holding a county meeting to appoint delegates to the congressional convention, and to perfect the county organization, and that the various townships be requested to hold meetings and organize prior to that date.

On motion it was ordered that the secretary send a copy of these proceedings to the *Southern Home*, Charlotte *Democrat* and Raleigh SENTINEL, with a request to publish the same.

On motion of W. T. Shipp, the meeting adjourned.

J. M. ABERNATHY, Chair'n.
R. W. SANDIFER, Sec'y.

For the Sentinel.

WASHINGTON, April 2d, 1872.

Messrs. Editors:—I take this method of suggesting the nomination of Major Seaton Gales of Raleigh, whose name has been often mentioned in connection with the office of Lieutenant Governor. If he should be nominated I am satisfied it would give general satisfaction.

There is no question as to his qualification and fitness. His dignified bearing and pleasing address, his learning and experience, and his familiarity with parliamentary law, and his readiness to meet and decide points of order, would render him one of the most acceptable Presiding Officers of the Senate we have ever had.

Without reflecting in any manner upon the claims of the many others whose names have been brought forward, I fully believe the convention can select no other person, whose nomination would foreshadow a better guarantee of a more faithful, impartial, and acceptable discharge of duty.

JUSTICE.

FOR STATE AUDITOR.—A correspondent of the Asheville *Citizen* suggests the name of Captain Nathaniel Kelsey, of Madison county, to the Greensboro' Convention, as a candidate for the office of Auditor. The writer says:

The Captain is a staunch Conservative, and has had much experience in public life, having on several occasions represented his county in the Legislature. Besides his education and long experience in mercantile transactions eminently fit him for the proper discharge of the duties pertaining to the office mentioned. Furthermore, Captain Kelsey is favorably known to the members of several Legislatures past, and if nominated these former members would at once commend him to the people of their respective counties, and thus insure his election. In other words Captain Kelsey is not only qualified for and deserving of the place, but would be an available candidate.

THE [illegible] CONVENTION.

The signs of the [illegible] are [illegible] [illegible] are [illegible] their conventions [illegible] give [illegible]. The proceedings are [illegible]. Few or no [illegible] expressed [illegible] the contrary, the single purpose seems to be to have the strongest men nominated for all offices, with a determination to support the nominees, no matter who they may be. This is as it should be. Individual preferences must be subordinated to the general wish and desire in the selection of candidates. The Greensboro Convention will be one of the largest and most respectable and intelligent bodies ever assembled in the State. It will be [illegible] the brains of the [illegible] intelligence of the state. No political [illegible] ties affect the attendance of the best men in that great deliberative body. Those who cannot hold office, can take seats in this great state council, to advise and countenance [illegible] [illegible] houses of both the [illegible] parties [illegible] and show the [illegible] [illegible] appointed to the convention [illegible] contain the names of [illegible] of each county, and we have reason to believe they will attend [illegible] portion of them [illegible] times past were wont to [illegible] and guidance. Let the example of the counties which have already held their conventions be followed by those yet to meet in the choice of delegates. Let each county leave out of its appointees no active and intelligent conservative or democrat, but let the prominent men of the "old school" be not lost sight of. The spirit of [illegible] is awakened. Hope beats high for the result of the Greensboro' Convention, and all that is anticipated will be realized. Remember May 1st.

THE SLOGAN.

The West is on the [illegible]. Forward, freemen, says the Shelby *Banner*, this is no time for halting. The [illegible]

[illegible]

Freemen, [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible]

MONARCHY AND REPUBLIC.

The cable brings the following summary of Mr. D'Israeli's speech at Manchester, in support of monarchical institutions. If he knew as much as we do about the practical workings of the "model republic," he might have doubled his blows. He sees and states that the legitimate expenses here are double what they are in England, but he takes no account of the stealings, which are more than quadruple the legal appropriations. This, however, is a matter of maladministration, and does not necessarily involve fundamentals, and we all have a vague hope that we may arrest the evil, either by persuading General Grant to amend his ways, or by turning him out of office.

The Right Hon. Benjamin D'Israeli, who is now on a visit to Manchester, addressed an immense conservative meeting in Free Trade Hall, in that city, this evening. Mr. D'Israeli began by saying: "We have assembled here to proclaim our resolution to uphold the constitution of the Kingdom; we have come together to talk of a programme for future action, which will not despoil churches nor plunder landlords, but further the interests of the great body of the people." He then went on to make an earnest defence of the Monarchy. To the throne, he said, must be ascribed the blessings which [illegible] enjoy. The Sovereign does exercise a real influence. The monarchy was an institution around which, in peril and adversity, the people could rally. The English monarchy cost less than that of any other nation. The expense of the sovereignty of the United States, which embraced congress and the state legislatures as well as the executive, was between 700,000 and 800,000 pounds sterling—double the total of the English civil list. He closed with a vindication of the aristocracy and defence of the House of Lords as an essential element of the government.

R. M. Furman, Esq., the talented editor of the Louisburg *Courier* is favorably talked of as a candidate for secretary of state. [illegible] editor in the state [illegible] could vote, would certainly [illegible] *Battleboro Advance.*

WOODHULL and CLAFLIN [illegible] Europe. [illegible] Atlantic, that [illegible] *Courier-Journal.*

A CURIOUS DEFENSE.

ALBANY, April 3.—[illegible] the [illegible] of expulsion [illegible] Wood be made a special order for [illegible] April 4.

Mr. Lewis presented to the Senate [illegible] Mr. Wood drawn up to [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Murphy [illegible] After [illegible] ordered to be printed.

[illegible] Senate [illegible] universally condemned [illegible] Assembly [illegible] was anticipated [illegible] first term, that [illegible] to his official action. [illegible] the advantage of Mr. Wood [illegible] the opinion that the business [illegible] were of a character to relieve the Senate from all blame, that the [illegible] Humphries [illegible] consider the [illegible] character of the [illegible] against him.

When the subject was up, Senator [illegible] moved that the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] a copy of these documents be allowed to be printed, as many subscriptions [illegible] made with that understanding."

This effort was also unsuccessful, and the senator sat down discomfited and disgusted.

N. B.—Assuming entire responsibility for everything appearing in our columns, we would say to correspondents, that [illegible] of a personal nature, or bordering on obscenity or profanity, calculated to give offense [illegible]. This rule is [illegible]. Anything tending [illegible] good we will always [illegible] and just now we would thank a few friends [illegible] hope they will continue to keep us posted.—*Roanoke News.*

How is it the [illegible] paragraph No. 2 of the above? [illegible] seems to be a pretty wide "border [illegible] obscurity" in it.

A DISCOVERY AND [illegible]

An intelligent [illegible]

[illegible] weeks after the crop is planted, [illegible] If the weather [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] to the [illegible] supply the silk, and the filling is [illegible] periodic. He says it is an [illegible] ears [illegible] by the want of pollen, and that he has known ears to double their size in the second filling.

WASHINGTON AND THE PIEDMONT RAILROAD.—The Senate to-day, after spending two days in debating the matter, passed the bill giving the assent of Congress to the subscription of $1,000,000 by the District of Columbia to the projected Piedmont and Potomac railroad, so amended as it is believed will protect the District from loss in case of the non-fulfillment of contract by the company, [illegible] $1,000,000 [illegible] the District of Columbia [illegible] in opposition [illegible] bill passed [illegible] the fact that the bill was made much less objectionable by the adoption of amendments in the way of safeguards.—*Washington Letter 4th.*

A Chicago dealer has contracted for 2,000 bushels Maryland oysters to be planted in San Francisco Bay. The growth of the Chesapeake oyster in California waters is said to be [illegible]. An oyster as large as the thumb [illegible] in one season [illegible] oyster of commerce. The flavor [illegible] entirely changes, and the shell [illegible] thin, like the shell of [illegible] soft shell clam, but it [illegible] hardness.

SUPERINTENDENT [illegible] TION.—The Tarboro' [illegible] Jesse R. McLean, [illegible] a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction [illegible]

We believe [illegible] tion can be [illegible] Greensboro' Convention [illegible]

Jennie C. Clafflin [illegible] New York Academy of [illegible] evening, when [illegible] on "Behavior [illegible]" [illegible] created [illegible] language. She was [illegible]