

Watchman & Old North State.

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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

THOMASVILLE, Davidson Co., N. C., April 16th, 1867.

Through haste, we omitted, in our former letter from Arcadia, to notice the improvements being made at that place. Dr. Shelton & Co., have established a foundry there, and are now engaged in manufacturing ploughs and other agricultural implements of excellent quality. They will soon increase their establishment largely by the addition of new machinery, and will then be able to furnish all kinds of castings and machinery in demand by our farmers and mill owners. To this end they are putting up an engine of considerable power.

On Saturday we were at Bethany—the place usually known as "Possum town," a name which the good people there do not much fancy, and which we promise not to use again—where there were about one hundred persons congregated for the purpose of hearing the candidates. Many of them listened attentively to the speakers on both sides, and seemed to be anxious to be enlightened as far as possible as to the merits and demerits of the new constitution. This is regarded as the strongest radical precinct in the county—having voted that ticket almost unanimously heretofore. It will still give a majority for the new constitution and the radical ticket, but there will be a good vote this time against the Constitution and for the Conservative ticket.

We did not attend at Brownsville on Monday, but learn that, owing to the inclemency of the weather, there were very few persons in attendance. All the information which reaches us from that quarter is to the effect that the Conservatives will carry that by a decided majority. We were not at Zion on Tuesday, but learn that a very respectable number of the freemen of Davidson were present, and were ably and effectively addressed on the subject of the new constitution by Mr. Brummett and Mr. Heitman. Mr. Heitman is the conservative candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court, and had not hitherto engaged in the discussion of the Constitution, but gave his views of it on that occasion in response to calls which were made upon him for them.

On yesterday we had a glorious time at THOMASVILLE. No where have we seen the people more thoroughly aroused than they are here. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the attendance was quite large. The speaking took place in the Baptist Church, which was kindly tendered for the purpose, and the commodious building was well filled. The Thomasville Brass Band was present, and enlivened the intervals between the speaking with excellent music—playing with happy effect, "The Old North State," the patriotic odes composed by the illustrious Garrison some years before his death, and subsequently set to music. The ladies, we are informed, were anxious to grace the occasion with their presence, but the weather would not permit, which was much regretted by all, and by none so much as by myself. Every thing looks cheering, and we have strong hopes of the success of the Conservative ticket even in Davidson.

The Radical candidates were not with us on yesterday, and have not been since Saturday. We were exceedingly anxious to have them with us at every appointment, but they thought proper, for reasons which must be satisfactory to their friends, to go with us no further.

Thomasville is the seat of the celebrated shoe manufacturing establishments of the Messrs. Liles, and Shelly & Bro.—Both are still in operation, but are not being worked to their utmost capacity as formerly. We hope the prosperity of the country will soon revive, as with it will revive the prosperity of this pleasant and beautiful village.

Wherever we have gone the wheat crop generally looks more promising than we have ever before seen it at this season of the year. There are, however, a few exceptions.

Our readers will not, we fear, hear from us again until we return to our sanctum after the election.

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A Mistake.—A Concord correspondent of the Raleigh *Sentinel*, over the signature of "Many citizens," will do the favor to direct our attention to the date of the "Watchman & Old North State," which fill him, and those for whom he speaks, with pain by saying that the conservatives of Cabarrus and Stanly have given up the race, &c. If any such article has appeared in our columns we cannot find it. We are quite sure nothing of the kind has slipped from our own pen.

THE ELECTION.

Under the regulations of Gen. Canby for holding this election, it cannot be known with certainty how the vote stands until after the last day of the election; when, (and not till then,) the ballots may be counted. Those who have been at the polls all the time, however, adventure approximate estimates of the result, and upon these we are enabled to say that the Conservatives will carry Rowan by between 200 and 300 majority. This will be a highly gratifying result, showing a large gain in the county since the last election.

We have, also, reports from Davie of the same tenor—Conservatives ahead with increasing majorities.

From Iredell the same, and From Catawba, almost unanimously Conservative.

P. S. Just before going to press we have heard cheering reports from Mt. Ulla and Atwell precincts in this county. Atwell's will give about 150 conservative majority, and the radical vote of about 75 Mt. Ulla in the last election, will be nearly annihilated. At Harkies, at the close of the 2d day, there was nearly a tie. So also at Morgan's. Gold Hill will give a decided conservative majority. Thus, altogether, we believe we shall carry Rowan by nearly 300 majority.

We very unintentionally omitted in our last, any allusion to the proceedings here on Monday; and amidst the excitements of the election, opening next day, would not, probably, have thought of it until now, had not our neighbor of the Charlotte *Times*, Mr. Waring, presented us, in his Tuesday's paper, a fine account of what transpired, and which we have copied in this issue.

We have omitted of this account some remarks complimentary to ourselves, for which, nevertheless, we tender our highly esteemed friend of the *Times* our profoundest bow, with the wish that he may live and flourish for a thousand years in a white man's Government.

E Our patrons will please excuse any lack of interesting matter in this and one or two preceding numbers of this paper. The voting now going on is the all-absorbing matter with us as it is with every one else. We can think and talk of nothing else. It is a life and death struggle, in the progress of which the hearts of all are deeply engaged. The farmer leaves his plow standing in the furrow; the mechanic forgets his tools; the merchant his counter; the lawyer and doctor their offices; and all are to be seen congregated in the vicinity of the polls, with anxiety depicted on every face. They are quiet and grave; and show but faint signs of that deep feeling which, if it had expression, would ring out in tones of indignation at the terrible wrongs which a corrupt party is seeking to inflict upon them and their posterity. Under such a state of things it cannot be expected of any one calmly to sit down to devise, or call out, tempting dishes for the palliate of newspaper readers. In the absence of the senior, who by reason of the arduous' canvass through which he has just passed, is as unprepared for such a task as we, the junior, we crave indulgence until this election has fully passed.

GRANT AND LEE.

Who, to-day, would not rather be Gen. Lee, the rebel, with his character for truth and nobleness of soul unsullied even by the breath of suspicion, than to be Gen. Grant, the Loyalist, dismayed by treachery, and disgraced by falsehood!

"Any, speak, for him have I offended?" Who, we repeat, would not rather be Gen. Lee, whose honor as a man, and whose patriotism as an American citizen may only be questioned as the right of revolution may be questioned; as the right of ten millions of freemen to local self-government may be questioned; as the duty to resist encroachment upon vested and vital rights may be questioned; as the doctrine, in short, enunciated in the Declaration of Independence, and implied in the Federal Constitution, (as construed by Jefferson and Madison in the Kentucky Resolutions) may be questioned, and not otherwise!

Lee—crowned with the honor and affection of his people—with a fame as wide as civilization—calmly and confidently appealing to me to do justice to his judgment, his motives and his record; who would not prefer to be such a man, than to be Grant, standing self-condemned in his honor in a matter of high public concern; concerned in a base falsehood, and publicly exposed by the President of the United States and his Cabinet; humiliated, reft of personal honor, and "none so poor to do him reverence!"

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Gen. Canby has removed the magistrates composing the County Court of Buncombe. The Asheville *News* makes the following comments:

"Why these gentlemen were removed has not been made known to them; but a clue to the secret may be found in the fact that at the sitting of the Court a fellow, by the name of Jesse Sumner, a deputy Sheriff, was tried, convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs, for brutally assaulting a young man by the name of Henry Jones, one Sabbath night, while Jones was on his way from church, in company with some ladies. Sumner is now the Radical candidate for Sheriff of this county, while Jones is a Conservative. It is known that Sumner, through the standing medium of communication between Gen. Canby and the Radicals of this section, applied to Headquarters to have the fine and costs remitted, or a part of them, which the General refused to do, but has removed the Court. The next Court will be able to remove the penalty."

We understand the assault upon Mr. Jones was an unprovoked and malicious one, and the penalty was considered light."

More Insolence—This Time it meets with Punishment.—Another of our citizens was last night stopped on the street by an impudent negro, who assumed the right to catechise him as to his business. As Mr. M. U. Finlayson, of the firm of Finlayson & Bro., was proceeding from his residence to the Methodist Parsonage, about eight o'clock, and while opposite the colored Baptist Church on Walnut street, he was rudely seized in the collar by a large black negro, who insolently demanded of Mr. Finlayson who he was. This gentleman made no reply, and for the moment knew not what to do, being totally unarmed, not even having a stick. His fears were increased when he turned and saw several negroes the party to whom his assailant doubtless belonged, on the opposite side of the street. Determined to make at least one effort at resistance he drew back and struck the negro a blow under the ear which caused him to measure his length upon the ground. Mr. Finlayson then, like a prudent man, turned and made his way from the spot as rapidly as possible.

Some precautionary measures must be adopted to guard against such outrages. Every white man out after night should at least carry with him a good stock. We must rely upon ourselves for defense against these night assaults, and should be prepared for this course.—*W. J. Journal.*

Butler—A Dinner Scene.—A Washington correspondent writes the following good account of a scene which was lately enacted at Wilkes:

"There is a loose darky about Wilkes' Hotel named Tom. You can bribe Tom to do anything. The other day there was a dinner party given by a New York contractor, at which it was understood that Ben Butler would be a guest. Bonny dashing wag, without the fear of Congress before him, got hold of Tom, feed him liberally, and put him up to a piece of outrageous and treasonable treachery.

After the plates were served, the host said, "That will do, Tom; you can go."—But Tom did not go. Observing that his orders were not obeyed, the contractor repeated, "I told you to go, Tom; if I want you, I'll ring for you."

Still Tom hung about the door and did not retire. At last, very much worried at his contumacy, New York turned upon Ethiopia and said, sternly, attracting the attention of the whole company, "I have told you twice to leave the room, and by—, I'll be obeyed, or put you out myself."

At this stage of the proceedings the time for the train had arrived, and with reluctance we had to leave.

Altogether it was one of the most enthusiastic and pleasant meetings we ever took part in. We return our thanks to the citizens for the kindness and courtesy extended, and only regret we could not do more justice to the occasion.—*Charlotte Times.*

WORK OR STARVE.

This is the law and penalty from which there is no escape. Thousands are trying to evade it; some are making their fellow-men work for them, others by living on money inherited or accumulated in former years, but with no avail. If idle they starve in the midst of plenty. They may eat to the full, but eating without exercise is against the laws of nature, and very soon the stomach refuses to digest the food, the body is not nourished, and the man literally starves though he may feel no hunger. The hand, the brain, the heart, must work to live. If you dodge the labor of learning lessons, at the same time miss the strength of intellect, which mental work brings, and the two mind will perish for want of nourishment. Thousands have starved their wits in this way, until they wonder how it is that others carry away all the prizes in life!

Many starve their hearts by never exercising them with noble emotions. Selfishness eats into the nature like a cancer and leaves the man hungry for affection; but love is the price of love, and he that will not work in this field must accept the penalty.

It is an error to think that work was a penalty imposed on man, for having violated God's command. Man's nature is such that activity calls for employment that it may remain in health, and there can scarcely be a more terrible confinement, where the eye, the ear, and the hands must remain idle. A slow, painful death will surely result. So then boys and girls, strive to love work and not shun it. Though you may be as rich as Astor or Stewart in money, yet your own nature will suffer the pangs of poverty without active exercise.

HOLDEN'S RECORD IN A NUT SHELL.

1. He deceived and betrayed the Whigs.

2. He deceived and betrayed the Democrats.

3. He deceived and betrayed the adulator men.

4. He deceived and betrayed the Douglass men.

5. He deceived and betrayed the Union.

6. He deceived and betrayed the South.

7. He deceived and betrayed Andrew Johnson.

8. He now has in hand the colored people—two years will suffice to develop his deception and betrayal of them.—*Record.*

SENSIBLE—James Ransom (negro) who was nominated by the "Republican party" for the House of Representatives (so-called) in Warren, declines the honor. He says that he is engaged in coaching and flatters himself that he is better prepared for that than for law-making.

"Vote for the Constitution, and you vote for Free Schools," says the Wilmington *Post* (Radical). Exactly, schools which are "free" to white and negro children indiscriminately!"

MEETING IN SALISBURY.

In compliance with an invitation from the White Men's Conservative Club, we went to Salisbury to attend the meeting on Monday night. At 11 o'clock on Sunday night we found ourselves on board of one of the most elegant passenger coaches we ever rode in, (rebuilt at the Company Shops,) and were soon enroute for our sister city. As far as Concord we had the pleasure of the company of O. Dowd, Esq., of the Charlotte Bar, one of the ablest and most rising lawyers in the State.

At half past two we reached the Boyden House, where we were handsomely and comfortably entertained. This is one of the best hotels in the State.

Mondays morning we wandered through the city and saw many elegant stores, which had been built on the burnt district. Salisbury is really a beautiful city. The streets are wide, level and shaded by rows of magnificent elms and oaks.

There is an appearance of progress and growth which indicates a liberal and enlightened people.

Many of our friends called to see us, and extended to us a warm greeting.

At four o'clock the Fantastics appeared. They were dressed in every variety of fancy costumes, both as men and ladies, and represented every character. It was most admirably done and created a great deal of amusement. After parading the streets under the inspiring strains of music from the inimitable Salisbury Band, they assembled on the square and went through a variety of amusing evolutions. They were about forty in number and well mounted. The whole city turned out to see them, and the country was well represented. After music by the Band, a prolonged and enthusiastic call was made for Maj. Robbins, who appeared and addressed the assembled multitude in strains of thrilling eloquence. He said he had visited every corner of Davie and Rowan, and was satisfied now the white vote will be almost unanimous against the negro yankee Constitution. The afternoon passed in the most pleasant manner.

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