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CHEROKEE AND WESTERN NO. CAROLINA.

We insert on the page of the DEMOCRAT several letters and an editorial from the able editor of The Athenian, of Athens, Tenn., pertaining to the celebration at Murphy on July 23d. The event then celebrated is of so much importance that we offer no apology for the space given to the matter. By the completion of the road to Murphy the whole of North Carolina is united by rail—from the sea coast to the extreme western limit of the State. Not only this, which is of great importance; but the opportunities afforded by the completion of this road for the development of the immense resources to be found in our western counties, is a matter which all can and do feel special interest in. But there is another point alluded to by Hon. J. W. Cooper, Hon. W. F. McCarron, of Tennessee, and others, which we wish specially to emphasize. That is, the extension of the W. N. C. road from Murphy to Chattanooga. The bare suggestion of this connection carries with it its own argument. At Chattanooga connection would be made with all Tennessee and the Mississippi valley, making the shortest line therefrom, via Murphy and Asheville with the eastern markets, not only for freights but for travel. The connection is entirely possible, too. About ninety miles, we believe, remain to be constructed to give this connection, and what a country it would develop. What a magnificent line the W. N. C. Railroad would become. With direct connection with Atlanta, the whole west via Chattanooga, Knoxville and other points tributary thereto, affording the shortest line of communication with the east, it would rapidly become one of, if not, the leading line of the South. And what a section it will develop. Just think of the possibilities—the natural resources—of this section between Asheville and Chattanooga, Atlanta and Knoxville. Iron, coal, timber, limestone, gold, silver, water power, all the elements of economic and useful enterprise. Our people have every incentive to labor and to work, for verily, their reward will be great. THE DEMOCRAT is in for all such enterprise and improvement.

THE CONVENTION OF TOBACCO-NISTS.

The North Carolina Tobacco Association, composed of dealers in and manufacturers of the weed in this State, was in annual session at Morehead last week. Every section of the State was represented. From the Winston Sentinel we learn that on Thursday Mr. W. W. Wood, of that city, delivered the annual address. Among other things, in speaking of the last census fraud, giving to Virginia credit justly due North Carolina, Mr. Wood said:

"Six of North Carolina's tobacco markets sell 51,000,000 pounds annually, an average of 8 1/2 millions each, sixteen millions being the greatest and five millions the lowest; amount sold by any one of them. Nine others sell a total of 1 1/2 millions, averaging 1 1/2 millions each; 2 1/2 million being the greatest and 1 million the lowest sold by any one of them. The remaining markets sell 4 1/2 million pounds. Thus our own warehouses sell 67 million of the 76 million pounds of North Carolina leaf tobacco. Add to this the 25,000,000 which Danville, Petersburg and

other Virginia markets claim to sell of North Carolina tobacco, and we have the startling figure of 92,000,000 pounds. "North Carolina is without a peer for high grade goods, and is pre-eminently the tobacco State of the world. One or two other States grow a greater quantity, but the money value of her crop exceeds that of any other State. All the higher type tobaccos are indigenous to North Carolina soil. "The average cost of raising and marketing tobacco is 6 1/2 cents a pound; the average price realized by the farmers is 13 1/2 cents; and a profit of 7 cents a pound—or \$51 per acre of 750 pounds, the average amount produced per acre. The more intelligent and scientific farmers reap more than the average profit—producing the finer types of leaf, obtaining far more than the average price for them and having but little if any more than the average cost of production."

The address, from beginning to end, abounded in useful information, and will be very largely distributed. Asheville is among the six markets making the largest sales.

The policy of the Republican party has brought this country very near financial ruin. There is not a business center but that has felt its injurious effects, and the feeling of uncertainty is thus graphically described in the last number of the Financial Chronicle:

"The feeling of fear and uneasiness is so prevalent that a whisper respecting the strongest house on the street puts the markets in a quiver, while a suspicion expressed as to the payment of a dividend not due for months yet, is sufficient to make the prices of the property affected drop many points. It is easy to recall periods of general distrust when stock values and rates for money were in much the same position as now, but never an occasion like the present, when these features were prominent and yet railroad earnings, net and gross, were increasing and the country on the verge of realizing abundant harvests of food products, with a European demand awaiting the surpluses at fair prices."

And in the face of this condition of affairs, brought on by the Republican party which is again organizing to continue its power and policy, we hear serious propositions from certain individuals to divide the opposing forces on nonsensical issues, thus contributing directly to the success of the Republicans. We cannot believe our people will be so misguided as to follow such leader. The painful uncertainty occasioned by the course to be pursued by the coming congress, composed largely of new men followed as they are by the extreme declarations and unreasonable demands of certain self-appointed leaders in all sections, which leaders have never been known to be successful at anything except creating a disturbance they could not control—is contributing largely to the condition of affairs alluded to by the Financial Chronicle. If the State Alliance, now in session at Morehead, will take a conservative course and set down upon those few extremists who are doing the order and the country harm, it would do much toward helping matters just now. And the first to reap the benefit of such improvement just now would be the farmers themselves. We hope they will do it. It is a grand opportunity now presented to our farmer friends.

Hon. A. Leazer, of Iredell, is the Alliance lecturer for his district. He delivered an address recently in his county to the Alliance, which does himself and the order for which he speaks great credit. It was conservative, cautious, full of good points and good advice. There was no third party nonsense in it, but was a clear, forceful exposition of the principles of the order. The speech we refer to was published in full in the Statesville Landmark, and we shall take occasion to draw upon it from time to time.

Remember the 18th inst., next Tuesday. Let all Buncombe be here on that date to organize for the grand celebration of the centennial of the organization of the county. Every daughter of old Buncombe must also be well represented. Haywood, Cherokee and several of the counties, we are glad to learn, will be represented. We hope all will be.

Tack-head, Every Lick.

Ouida, that talented, but somewhat grotesque writer of fiction, has recently become a contributor to the North American Review, on subjects entirely at variance with other emanations from the same brain. In the August number of the Review on "The State as an immoral teacher," Ouida says:

"The tendency of the last years of the 19th century is toward increase in the power of the individual. * * * The moral and the civil law alone decree and enforce the inviolability of property. Anything which is the property of another, be it but of the value of a copper coin, cannot be taken by you without becoming liable to punishment as a thief. This, by the general consent of mankind, has been esteemed correct, just and necessary. But the State breaks the law, derides it, rides roughshod over it, when for its own purposes it requires the property of a private person, it calls the process by various names—condemnation, expropriation, annexation, etc., but it is seizure, violent seizure, and essentially seizure against the owners will. If a man enter your garden and take a few onions, or a few potatoes, you can seize, prosecute and imprison him. The State takes the whole garden and turns you out of it, and turns it into anything else which for the moment seems to the State excellent or advantageous, and against this impersonal robber you can do naught. The State considers it compensation enough to pay an arbitrary value, but not only are many possessions, notably in land, for the loss of which no equivalent could reconcile us, but the State herein sets up a principle which is never accorded in law. If a man who steals the onions offers to pay their value, he is not allowed to do so, nor is the owner of the onions allowed to accept such compensation; it is called "embezzlement of a felony." The State alone may commit this felony with impunity. * * * The State continually tampers with and tramples on private property, taking for itself what and where and how it pleases: the example given to the public is profusely immoral. The plea put forth in excuse for its action by the State is that of public benefit; the interest of the public cannot, it avers, be sacrificed to private interests or ownership of rights of any sort. But herein it sets up a dangerous precedent. The man who steals the potatoes might argue in his own justification that it is better in the interest of the public that one person should lose a few potatoes than that another person should starve for want of them, and so either in prison or poorhouse become a charge to the State. * * * If private rights and the sacredness of property can be set at naught by the State for its own purposes, they cannot be logically held to be sacred in its courts of law for any individual. The State claims immunity from theft on the score of convenience. So then may the individual."

Whatever may be said of Ouida as a sensational and immoral writer of fiction, the above utterances are plainly the truth. A tack-head is struck with every lick, and the point forcibly driven home. Of course the action of municipalities is under authority of the State. Mr. Chas. A. Dana, of the N. Y. Sun, once assistant secretary of war under Stanton, also contributes an article to the Review on the war. Some unpublished history he calls it. The editor of the Review in his bulletin says it is a very remarkable article, and he is right. It is a remarkable article in the sense that a story of real or fanciful adventure is remarkable. It will arrest the attention of the devourer of dime novel literature; but even he will be disappointed; for no more thrilling episode is related than an arrest, by agreement, at a place of appointment, an escape from the old capital, also by agreement, between all concerned, and the opening of some dispatches by Mr. Lincoln. If that is the best unpublished history this ex-assistant secretary of war under Lincoln, Stanton, Seward et al, can give the world, there is indeed a scarcity of material, and a paucity of ideas in the head of this actor in troublesome times. As a matter of fact the revolutionary trappers on the constitution at the time of which Mr. Dana writes, were so cleverly imposed upon by this astute Confederate spy who Mr. Dana so confidently claims as his own, that one of them at least, has remained in the dark to this day. Mr. Clement C. Clay, Mr. Jacob Thompson, Mr. Davis and Mr. Benjamin, no doubt caused to fall into the hands of the U. S. government just so much of this spy's information as they chose and no more. The dispatches about the clock-work fires and the Canadian invasion, which Mr. Dana claims was so important a discovery, reached just the destination it was intended it should, and accomplished the purpose it was intended to accomplish. No fires were intended as no invasion was projected. Neither Mr. Clay nor Mr. Thompson nor the Confederate government were so foolish or so savage as Mr. Dana would have the world believe. Yes this is a remarkable paper Mr. Dana contributes to the Review, and this hero spy of his was a remarkable spy—for the Confederates. The wonder is that the Review publishes such stuff; even from Mr. Dana.

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MADISON COUNTY. In the Superior Court. MARY FLEMING vs. LAFAYETTE FLEMING.

The defendant above named will be notified that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Madison County for divorce, verulic matrimonium, and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said County to be held on the first Monday in August, 1891, on the court house in said County, in Marshall, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

M. A. CRONIN, Clerk Superior Court. C. E. JERVIS, Attorney for Plaintiff. July 2, 6t.

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