

All communications sent for publication in the CARTHAGINIAN must be accompanied with a responsible name. We do not wish the name for publication, but only as a security against imposition.

For Solicitor,  
CAPT. J. D. McIVER,  
4th Judicial District.

No Editorial sanction would be complete in its appointments without a waste-basket for the reception of rejected matter. Besides numerous communications which come unaccompanied by any responsible name, there are others which Editors, for reasons which to them seem wise and prudent, consign to this usually well-filled receptacle. With all their prudence and caution matter often creeps into their columns which neither amuses nor instructs and often so bad in orthography and syntax as to be offensive to good literary taste. The newspaper is a great public teacher, daily visiting its thousands of readers, and exerts a more powerful influence, perhaps, than any other instrumentality in shaping the character of society, moral, social and political. Editors cannot be too careful in guarding their columns against everything calculated to corrupt the morals, disturb the order and peace of society or give offense to a cultivated literary taste. Editors are as fallible as other men, and make as many mistakes perhaps as other men. They not only err sometimes in publishing what should be rejected, but sometimes speak unadvisedly through their editorial columns, manifesting a zeal which is not according to knowledge, but we know of no law which excludes them from charity of judgment by other men. They may sometimes err in excluding matter from their columns, but this in our judgment will constitute the least of their sins. Of the thousands who aspire to become correspondents only a few excel. Excellence in this as in other accomplishments is acquired by persevering labor and practice. Many who are fully competent to do excellent service in this field bury their talents in a napkin and keep their light hid under a bushel.

To any who may feel aggrieved because their communications do not appear, we would say pick your flint and try again. The income from a printing office generally is not sufficient to justify the employment of extra force to re-write articles in order to correct bad orthography and faulty syntax, and editors have no time for this work. We do not wish to discourage any, but would rather encourage all who possess the gift to cultivate it, and if at first they don't succeed, to try again.

An act was passed by the last Legislature under which any township in the county of Moore can, by petition, obtain from the County Commissioners an order for an election to decide by the qualified voters thereof the question of license or no license to sell spirituous liquors within its limits. The act, if we are not mistaken, provides that this election be held on the first Thursday of June in each year, due notice of said election to be given throughout the districts affected by it. Do the people in any of the townships want prohibition? If so it is time they should speak out. Under a similar act, first the city of Greensboro, and finally the whole county of Guilford voted out this vile traffic. Its beneficial effects on both the city and county are felt and acknowledged by all. The citizens of Carthage know from experience the salutary effects of prohibition even under an act which was never properly enforced. Our object at this time is simply to remind the people of the existence of the law and the privileges it affords and leave them to follow the dictates of their own judgement in the matter.

Last week we called the attention of our readers to the Moffett Bell-Punch Law now in force in the State of Virginia with the suggestion that if this traffic must continue North Carolina might profit by the example of Virginia; and by adopting the Moffett law secure a handsome revenue, based altogether on luxury or appetite, thereby lifting a heavy burden from the shoulders of the people.

From a lengthy editorial on this subject in the Hillsboro Recorder, of the 3rd inst., we take the following extract:  
"If a dealer sells both spirits and malt liquors, he must use two registers. These registers are furnished by the county or city assessors, who obtain them from the proper State authority; and cost the dealer \$10. They are made for the use of Virginia by a Mr. Johnson of Culpepper Court House.

Heavy penalties are attached to every failure to turn the crank at the sale of a drink, and any bystander is a competent witness to such failure, and we believe is entitled to half the penalty imposed. At all events, in Richmond, many arrests were made in the first period of the use of the register on such information.

The use of the register has become popular. The consumer feels very slightly the additional charge on his drinks. If he takes a single drink when the price is ten cents, he pays fifteen cents. If he drinks with a friend, he pays twenty-five cents. The seller is satisfied, because it breaks up, root and branch, the credit system. He has a hold, too, upon his bar keepers he did not have before; because if he counts out his money carefully each day, the opening of the register at the end of the month tells him to a cent how much he ought to have.

The result in Virginia has been a tax gathered with little trouble and expense, without any additional burden to the people a fund that will in the first year of experience, add \$600,000 to the treasury of the State. The introduction of the system of North Carolina would give a revenue of at least \$300,000.

In the need of finding new subjects of taxation, our legislators will do well to examine, what has proved so beneficial to the State of Virginia, and which is now engaging the attention of the thoughtful all over the country. The city of New York, it is believed, would derive an income of \$10,000,000 alone from this source, and it will most probably use it. Chicago is about to do the same; and several Southern States have initiated steps in that direction. Let it have the serious thoughts of our people."

**OUR POSITION.**  
We wish for the smiles of fortune to rest on every deserving individual. We wish to see every man rise to that degree of wealth, honor and fame for which he honestly strives. We would be glad to see every farmer's corn crib and smokehouse chock-full of forage, corn and bacon; and every merchant throughout the land supplied with the latest and most fashionable goods. We hope every mechanic (who does honest work) may get just so much as he is able to do. We do not want our good people to be sick but if they should unfortunately, we want every physician to get a liberal share of practice; "Peace on earth good will to men" is our motto but if people will be so foolish as to quarrel and fight; we earnestly desire that all the lawyers will be kept busy. Just so in all the business affairs of life. The same is our desire to our young friends. We would be glad that all the young ladies and gentlemen could have just as many sweethearts as they choose and all get partners suited to their minds. Likewise we hope (if it were possible) every man that wants an office could get one. It might be wise in our Legislators to create new offices or reduce the fees of the present ones. By this latter there would not be so many aspirants; and we would not have such a swarm of seekers every election year. When, oh! when will this mighty rush for offices cease. Some people lose more time traveling around and begging for office than will ever be recompensed.

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**CANDIDATES.**  
We hear the names of several persons, recommended for the various county offices; and all of whom are well qualified for the positions proposed for them. In fact we believe we have not heard the name of a single man proposed for office whom we could not cheerfully support as the nominee of the Democratic party. We allow the people to speak out in the CARTHAGINIAN and give their preferences. Our paper is local and intended to promote the interests of Moore county above any other interest. There have been several communications recently, expressing their choice for the respective positions. Perhaps to some it has been disagreeable, while to others very pleasant. At all events we are obliged to give the people a showing if their communication comes accompanied with a responsible name, indulging in no personalities. We are not responsible for the sentiments of any writer; nor shall we attempt to be. While we may, (and it is reasonable to suppose) have our preferences, it is our business—to wait, and whoever the party nominates, hoist their names and then help to elect them. We hope none of our friends will expect us to write in their favor more than respect and justice requires until we have our county convention, then we will be in the front rank sure. In conclusion we say work and don't wait for something to turn up.

We give below the address of the Executive Committee of the Democratic party. We hope our people will heed its timely advice; and every true Democrat will consider his duty in the coming campaign. The "lit" at Independent Candidates we would especially call to the notice of our readers. There are some aspirants now, in this county, questioning the propriety of a Convention, when all clear-headed, thinking Democrats cannot for a moment doubt the necessity of a Convention. Let harmony prevail—all dissensions be discontinued, and let us adhere strictly to the principles of our good old party.

**ADDRESS OF THE STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**  
To the Democratic-Conservative Party of North Carolina.  
Under the Constitution and laws of North Carolina there are to be elected on the first day of August, 1878, a Chief Justice and two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court; three Judges of the Superior Court; a Solicitor for each Judicial District, members of the General Assembly; a Register of Deeds, Surveyor, Coroner, Sheriff, and Treasurer for the several counties; and Constables for the townships, respectively.

At a meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Democratic Party it was determined to hold a State Convention at Raleigh, on Thursday, June 13, 1878, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Judicial offices, as these are to be voted for throughout the entire State. It was, however, resolved, that the Executive Committee request the several Judicial Districts for which Superior Court Judges are to be chosen to hold District Conventions and recommend to the State Convention candidates for the office of Judge from their respective Districts.

It was also resolved to appoint an Executive Committee for each Judicial District, whose duty it shall be to determine the time and place of holding the Conventions for their respective Districts. A list of those committees is hereto appended. They are requested to take prompt action in calling together the District Conventions.

The Committee congratulates the Democratic Party of North Carolina on the steady and rapid growth of its principles and policy, not only in our own State, but likewise throughout the entire Union. Half a dozen years ago our party was without power in the Federal Government; two years later we had wrested the control of the House of Representatives from the Republican party, and today our ascendancy in the Senate of the next Congress is absolutely assured.

At the last Presidential election our candidate received a majority of the electoral votes, and was called to the Presidential chair by a popular majority of five hundred thousand.

You know how, by fraud, by plots and conspiracies, the Republicans contrived to turn our victory into utter defeat—That we lost the fruits of our success at the polls is to be deeply deplored; but it is better to have lost the Presidency than to have seated our candidate by the fraud and iniquities which received the encouragement and sanction of the Republican leaders. Those frauds, however, can never be successfully repeated; and we hazard nothing in predicting that in 1880 the freemen of America will punish that great crime against their right of self government by hurling from power all those despicable characters who planned the scheme or participated in its execution. In like manner, at

home, our party strength has constantly increased until now it has become invincible. At the last election we cast 125,000 votes—the ballots of white men!—Ever since 1870 we have had absolute control of the Legislature, and we refer with satisfaction to the legislative record of the Democratic party during that long period of political ascendancy. Good and wholesome laws, low taxes, the improvement of our agricultural interests, and the amelioration of the condition of our people—both black and white—these have been the aims of our representatives, and our ever-increasing majorities attest how thoroughly their patriotic work is appreciated by the voters of North Carolina.

To us the people of the State have given the supremacy, and they have committed to the keeping of the Democracy the destiny of our Commonwealth and the welfare and prosperity of our citizens. We have gained step by step on our political adversaries until at length the only department of our State government remaining under their control is the Judiciary. And now we are rapidly approaching the day when the Supreme Court itself is to be composed of Democratic Jurists; for none can doubt that the nominations made by our Convention will be triumphantly ratified at the polls by an overwhelming majority. Then will North Carolina be fully and completely Democratic—the last remaining vestige of the Canby-Military Election will have passed away forever.

In publishing this call for our Democratic Convention, the Committee was directed to request that all North Carolinians who love good order and have a proper regard for the due administration of justice, should join with us in making our nominations for these high and responsible judicial offices. We call then upon all the true sons of North Carolina to come together, inspired by an ennobling patriotism, and nominate and elect our best and truest and greatest sons to these exalted judicial stations. The officers so chosen are to sit in judgment on our rights of property, our lives, our liberties. Their court is the court of last resort. From their decision there is no appeal. Let us then approach their selection profoundly impressed with the importance of the occasion; let us subordinate our personal preferences, and animated by a worthy ambition, seek to restore to this Supreme tribunal the exalted character to which it had attained in the days of its highest fame.

We recommend to our friends in every township and ward to hold primary meetings, at which delegates may be selected by ballot or otherwise to their County Conventions—where in like manner, delegates shall be chosen to represent the county in the State Convention.

In these primary meetings we urge and recommend that the utmost fairness and impartiality shall be observed—that harmony shall be considered of prime importance, and that no practices tending to disaffection or disorganization shall receive the slightest countenance or sanction. The Democratic party is the party of the people. It is the instrument by which the people accomplish their ends and purposes. It is the people—banded together in one great organization or society to protect their rights, to advance their interests, to promote their prosperity and to perpetuate those liberties which make our country at once the envy of oppressed nations and the crowning glory of mankind!—Within this organization the utmost freedom is allowed—the largest liberty of sentiment—the freest expression of opinion, controlled alone by the great principles of Democracy and the usages and practices of the party. But harmony must prevail—order must be observed! The will of the organization is the will of the people! When expressed it must be respected—it must be obeyed.

Private judgment must yield to the collective judgment of the whole; and if any one should peradventure suffer an injury let him bear it with fortitude, glorying in the triumph of the organization even though he lose the prize of his ambition.

**COMMUNICATIONS.**  
For the CARTHAGINIAN.  
MESSRS. EDITORS:—It was our good fortune to attend an exhibition at the Ewing Springs Academy on the 29th of March, being the closing exercises of the Winter session. The exercises were opened at 10 o'clock. At 12 o'clock we had recess of an hour, during which we partook of a most sumptuous repast. After dinner we again assembled at the Academy where we were very pleasantly entertained for three hours. The school was formally closed by the Rev. Gomery Boetick, who delivered a most excellent address on Education, its value and importance in preparing boys and girls for any profession in life. The address was one of great merit and very appropriate.

We are also indebted to Messrs. Seawell and McKinnon for excellent music given by them on the occasion. This school is under the auspices of Mr. W. T. Ewing, a gentleman fully competent to fill the position as teacher.

The Ewing Springs are located in Montgomery county about eleven miles east of Troy and bids fair to become a noted summer resort for invalids. There are several buildings around the springs among others is the residence of Mr. S. T. Usher. Mr. Usher is a gentleman of thorough-going principles, and is building up the Springs to a remarkable degree.

For the CARTHAGINIAN.  
MESSRS. EDITORS:—We see through your columns that many good names are being brought forward to fill the various county offices at the coming election. And we are a little surprised to see so few names of farmers mentioned; and yet it must be admitted that they constitute nine-tenths of the voting population of our county. Yet it seldom happens that they are allowed to fill an office of much importance. How many farmers have represented us in the Hall of the General Assembly of North Carolina in twenty-five years? Have we not been represented nine-tenths of that time by lawyers, doctors or merchants? If so it is time for the farmers to look round and find men out of their own ranks to represent them, and elect them independent of "cliques" and "rings"; because we have the power, and the laboring class deserve a better showing than they have been receiving at the hands of one sided power and packed conventions. And while we are speaking about Conventions, we hope, if the Executive Committee in their discretion should decide to hold a Convention in the name of all that is good, let us have a fair one; and not let one strong township cast as many votes as three or four weak ones. But let every township have 3, 5 or 20 votes; and then we, of the upper end, will be satisfied and not until then. But we intend recommending some persons for nomination. So here we go:

For Senator, John B. Graham. No man has done more for Moore county in her dark days than Mr. Graham, for he is a purer christian gentleman in North Carolina. For Representative, John C. Jackson; a gentleman of firmness and ability and will represent us with credit to himself and the county. For Clerk of the Superior Court, Dr. J. R. Brown. For Register of Deeds, Street Brewer. For Treasurer, L. C. McKinnon. For Sheriff, J. J. Wicker. For Surveyor, Dr. A. McDonald.

We are willing to give the Clerk and Register's office to the people of Carthage; but they ought not to want them all. Now, Mr. Justice, is not our ticket about as well divided as yours, and we are certain the lower end will not object to give us a showing this time. Then, Farmers, to the rescue. Let's put our ticket through.

**FARMER.**  
Jackson Springs, April 4, 1878.  
For the CARTHAGINIAN.  
**Fashion.**  
MESSRS. EDITORS:—There seems to be a sort of mania, a peculiar *eclect*, among certain classes of writers, for contributing, free gratis we imagine, to the periodicals of the day, continued articles inflated with prodigious flings and unkind cuts at all ladies who possess sufficient self-respect and refinement, to keep pace with fashions of the age.

To such an unwonted extent have these untimely productions of inferior minds insinuated themselves into our local literature, that they are becoming stable and odious. So long has this miserable crusade upon the fashions and the devotees of fashion gone on unnoticed by our sex that "forbearance has ceased to be a virtue" and we think ourselves excusable for entering this solemn protest, and defending ourselves against the tragic quills of these inspired, would be critics.

Sensible as we are that it is not woman's mission to plan campaigns, lead armies to victory or fleets to glory, or to practice a profession or even to conduct an argument through the columns of the CARTHAGINIAN, but it is ours to preside over an Inferior Court (not one of Nuncius's) with a Judicial ermine of truth, modesty and persuasion; yet we do not admit that our exclusive province is, as is said, to "paw ivory," ply the needle and demolish calico but think it proper, under some circumstances, to protect our rights if they are "Woman's Rights."

Now we know these huge flings and death-dealing blows at fashion and her votaries are only emanations of feeble minds the out-croppings and wild vagaries of diseased mentality, for surely no talented writer, or person of common

ordinary intelligence would seek to impair so who'some an influence as fashion exerts. What modern progressive man is there anywhere who does not want to see his wife appear decently dressed in the reasonable fashions of the day? Show us one and we will show you a parsimonious tyrant and a miser.

Where is the young man in all this land who does not want his sisters to dress a la mode? Show him to us and we will show you a social nonentity, an inferior specimen of the "genus homo" and a future fossil remain of the bachelor kind.

The last delicate penillings upon our present subject were executed in the latest approved style in the columns of your paper by "Phlander," to which we will add "Maximus," making "Phlander Maximus" a more appropriate name. For descriptive talent our hero is unsurpassed, we also think he has considerable poetical genius in his composition—a good ear for music:

O muse just fold your wing  
And listen to a song Phlander will sing.  
If those grand old erators, historians,  
bards and poets of ancient Greece or  
palm Rome could come forth and behold  
the modern effusions of a Phlander,  
Demosthenes and Cicero would  
curse the day they ever ascended the  
rostrum. Herodotus the day he ever  
wrote a line and Homer and Virgil  
consign their famous works to oblivious  
flames; what Longfellow, Bayard Taylor  
and "Christian Reid" will do is yet  
unknown.

We admit that Queen Fashion is a tyrannical potentate whose edicts come fast one after another in rapid succession and that her subjects ought not to be strictly loyal to all decrees, hence we do not wish to encourage, neither do we approve of those wild fantastic freaks of fashion which bankrupt men's pockets, but would ever inculcate the doctrine that fashion is a valuable educator, a social refiner, a preserver of morals and manners, useful and elevating in its tendencies, a lady's introduction, her sure *entree* into polite society and in the absence of all other means of information the criterion by which she is judged, and in fact it is the most potent civilizer of any age.

And now, Messrs. Editors, we must leave this interesting subject and the distinguished commentator thereof with you, requesting him to keep steady in view these two lines:  
"Vessels large may venture more,  
But little boats should keep near the shore."  
ANNIE AND BELLE.  
Midway, April 9, 1878.

The Wilmington Review speaks in high terms of the address of the Executive Committee. It says:  
"It is a brave document and every sound it gives forth is true and distinct. It is an appeal to the people for earnest, persistent and successful work during the Summer's campaign, outlining that which must be accomplished and giving a resume of the proceedings of Convention in recent session. It pierces straight to a vital point, to the dividing asunder of the bones and the marrow, as it were on the great question of the day, the fraud by which Mr. Hayes was installed where Mr. Tilden was rightly elected, and is especially urgent in its demands the party discipline be preserved intact and every scheme looking to disorganization by the running of independent candidates—so called,—wolves in sheep's clothing, false apostles, deceitful friends, be promptly put down with all of the might and majesty of true men."

The Roanoke News commends the appeal of the Executive Committee for harmony in the councils of our party, and sagely remarks: "The campaign of 1876 resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Democracy, but popular majorities are proverbially liable to change and it will not yet do for us to take future victories for granted. The snake is scotched not killed and any dissensions in our ranks will give it another opportunity to rear its hydra head."

**MISCELLANEOUS ADS.**  
**A CARD.**  
THE undersigned respectfully announces himself a candidate for the office of Superior Court Clerk of Moore County; subject to the nominating Convention of the Democratic Party.  
G. WILCOX.  
April 4th, 1878.

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