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EDITORIAL:

THE INTERNAL REVENUE.

We see from several of our contemporaries a disposition upon their part to deviate from the policy heretofore marked out by the democratic party in regard to the Internal Revenue. There is no use denying that the violation of the Internal Revenue laws are as vigorously prosecuted under the Democratic administration as they ever were under the Republican. These laws are on the Statute books. The people of the State are reasonable. They do not hold their representatives in Congress responsible, if they fail to accomplish a repeal of these laws, which now seem to be, on account of the tariff, almost impossible. They do ask that every honest effort be made for the repeal, and the papers that are now eating dirt on account of it will find that if they will associate with the masses that these laws are just as odious now as they were under the Republican administration.

Senator Vance Humorous.

Senator Vance, in a speech at the banquet of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association in Baltimore recently, made a humorous illustration of the workings of the obnoxious tariff laws. On the subject, "the effort to get rich by law," he speaks as follows:

"The idea never occurred to me of selecting a bank that I could trust, but one that would trust me. [Laughter.] I know of no lawful way to get rich. It is a way I long have sought. I do not mean that there are any people in Baltimore who are trying to get rich by unlawful means. I mean that there are some people in the country who always have and always will try to obtain legislation which will give them an advantage over others. Selfishness and greed are the causes of this. The history of the human race. The force of the old barbarism has yielded to civilization, patriotism, love for the laborer and fraud. [Laughter.] All attempts to cramp human intercourse have been pitiful. We hear beautiful stories of the great increase of wealth through our restrictive measures upon trade, shipbuilding, etc. All the advantages we possess came through the tariff, but they were paid for by the consumers of manufactures. If you can show me how three men can sit down play a game of seven-up and at the end one has won \$10 and the other two haven't lost it, then I will give up the argument. I have heard a story that the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, to pass away the time swapped knives and each made \$1.50 and had the best knife. That illustrates growing rich by protection. [Laughter.] I beg you all to turn from the errors of the dark ages and ignorance, and come to the times of trade absolutely free except as far as the interests of the government are concerned."

SOME IMPROVEMENT.

The Democratic party during Mr. Cleveland's Administration has done some good. It has restored 30 or 40 millions of acres of public lands to the rightful owner, the United States. These lands are held for bona fide poor settlers. Under the Radicals they had been squandered. It has also paid off some 140 millions of dollars of the public debt, and has reduced expenditure in some needed particulars. It is not believed that all has been done in this direction that should have been done, but it is held that something has been done in the right way of economy. The tendency is unquestionably to extravagance, and the new Con-

gress show no more of the spirit of genuine reform than its predecessors showed. The President is watching them, and he will put his axe to their tree of extravagance and will cut it down. Many useless, trifling, lounging parasites in the offices have been lopped off. Many kinds of rings have been smashed, and the third house, the Lobby, so powerful in Radical times, is stripped to a great extent of its numbers and has vanished. The Union stands, the country is safe, the negroes are not in slavery as was predicted, peace and order prevails, and the people are not interfered with in their rights, the Constitution is respected, the law are enforced and justice is extended to all.

This is surely very much after Grantism for eight years and a Republican Congress made up of Mosstroopers, Whitehorse-Boys, Raiders, Bummers and Freebooters—men who abused, outraged, oppressed the South by vicious and unconstitutional laws, and men who got rich on a salary of \$5,000 a year. Times have improved, there is more regard for law, people are better protected in their rights, and the Southern people are let alone. This much may be truly said in behalf of the Democratic party of the Union.—*Wilmington Star.*

The State Democratic Convention will be held in Raleigh on the 30th of May.

The President and Mrs. Cleveland made a flying trip through the Atlantic States to Florida last week.

At a meeting of the National Democratic Committee held in Washington on the 23rd inst, it was decided to hold the National Convention at St. Louis, Mo., on June 5th.

Mess Baker and Goodrich this week commence the publication of "The Jonesboro Leader" at Jonesboro. Mr. Baker, who has charge of the Job Printing department, is from Tilton, N. H., and is an experienced printer. Mr. Goodrich is the editor of the "Pine Knot" published at Southern Pines. The town of Jonesboro is to be congratulated that these gentlemen have cast their "lot" among them, and also having for its citizens and friends such a paper as the *Leader* promises to be, together with one of the best Job Printing offices in the State.

Major McCann introduced in the House last week a bill to defer the collection of Internal Revenue taxes from May 1st, to Dec. 31st. The object of the measure is to give relief to all those who will have to pay their internal revenue tax on the 1st of May. The bill seems to meet the wants of that class and gives at once the benefit of any reduction in taxation that Congress may make this session.

A number of Members, who have studied the question, say the bill is a move in the right direction, and that when it comes up in the House for a vote, it will pass by a large majority.

We were very much surprised at the article in the last issue of the *Express*, under the head of "A Judicial Farce." We do not think he was justified in the strictures he undertakes to make. Human nature is weak, and we should all be willing to make allowances for those who are not. Pureologists and Psychologists tell us that madness is a species of insanity. Editors should, of all others, try to keep the peace. We have not seen a man who sanctions this manner of warfare. We forbear any comments as in all probability, judicial notice will be taken of the most glaring contempt that has

ever been committed in our country.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

The political papers are getting their quills and scissors in good trim and laying in an abundant supply of paste. This is to be an exciting year—a year of hot political contests. The Republicans are already mixing up their war paint and sharpening their tomahawks. It's going to be hard to suit the dear public this year, and it's very probable that if some party could induce the angel Gabriel to trim off his wings, lay aside his cornet and come down and make the race, the other parties would be ready to swear Gabriel has already served two terms in the penitentiary, one for stealing an overcoat one cold night when he was out practicing and the other for knocking down a poor crippled angel and taking his harp away from him. It's awfully hard to suit the dear public.—*Durham Recorder.*

There is scarcely one man in a thousand in North Carolina who understands that, in order to get any money for school purposes by the Blair Educational bill, North Carolina must raise by taxation as the Blair bill will give her. The Blair bill does not relieve us of one cent of taxation, but tends to impose heavier taxes on us. We were talking to an educated young man the other day, who was advocating the Blair bill under the erroneous impression that it relieved the white people of the South from paying taxes for schools. If the Blair bill should, unfortunately, ever become a law, and when the Secretary of the Interior at Washington begins to give orders about schools and school teachers in North Carolina, then you will hear a wall from the conservative people of this State (not fanatic), and then the negro will begin to utter complaints at Washington regarding his dissatisfaction with the distribution of the school fund by white men, and then look out for the re-establishment of the negro Freedman's Bureau, before which white school teachers will be arraigned, the same as was done with white men and women just after the close of the war.—*Charlotte Chronicle.*

The white people pay the taxes that educate the colored race. Year after year they pay thousands upon thousands of dollars to maintain colored schools. Everybody knows that without this support their school's could not live. And in various other ways the white men of the State have helped and encouraged the colored race. They have made their progress possible. And yet we see the colored voters at every election march up to the ballot box in solid column under the whip of the demagogue and the effect of partisan appeals and vote against the interests of those same white friends and neighbors who have done and are doing so much in their behalf. The *Commoner* reports that this state of things should exist, but so it is and we must meet it. We are not prepared to say when it will cease to exist but this much is certain, so long as there is a solid black column there will be a solid white column and the arts of all the demagogues and all the political clap-trap on each cannot break it. Among the other important issues involved, it should not be forgotten, and will not be forgotten, in this year of grace that white men must rule North Carolina.—*Laborer's Courier.*

Carthage Market

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