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### Democratic Nominees.

#### NATIONAL TICKET.

For President of the United States, GROVER CLEVELAND, of New York.

For Vice President, ALLEN G. THURMAN, of Ohio.

#### STATE TICKET.

For Governor: DANIEL G. FOWLE, of Wake.

For Lieutenant Governor: THOMAS M. HOLT, of Alamance.

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court—to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Thos. S. Ashe: JOS. J. DAVIS, of Franklin.

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court under amendment to the Constitution: ALPHONSO C. AVERY, of Burke.

JAMES E. SHEPHERD, of Washington.

For Secretary of State: WM. L. SAUNDERS, of Orange.

For Treasurer: DONALD W. BAIN, of Wake.

For Supt. of Public Instruction: SIDNEY M. FINGER, of Catawba.

For Attorney General: THEODORE F. DAVIDSON, of Buncombe.

For Auditor: G. W. SANDERLIN, of Wayne.

Electors for the State at Large: A. M. WADDELL, of New Hanover; F. N. STRUDWICK, of Orange.

We have a letter from our friend C. A. Patton of Cranberry, which will appear next week.

The German Emperor, is again in a most dangerous condition of health, and from all indications, must soon die—the fate of Prince and Peasant alike.

Gen. Wilder, Mr. Harris, and Gen. Rosser landed in New York from London last Tuesday, June 12th. We may now look for a final decision as to the location and construction of our Railroad.

Gen. Phil. Sheridan yet lingers, fluctuating between life and death, but with the chances for life lessening with each recurring relapse, and it now seems to be narrowed down to a question of days, most likely of hours only.

The Democrats offer to the people of this country Grover Cleveland for President and Allen G. Thurman for Vice President, strengthened and supported by four years of the ablest, fairest, most economical and honest administration of public affairs of the last twenty-five or thirty years, while the Republicans offer—God only knows who and what. But of one thing the Southern voters may be assured—whoever they nominate will be a Southern hater and an advocate of sectional hatred, of business monopoly, of high-priced necessities and low-priced luxuries, of centralization of power, of the oppression of labor and the largest liberty for capital. Southern voters, it is a free country—take your choice!

Representative Dougherty, of Florida, on Monday, June 11th, introduced into the House a Bill providing for repealing all laws providing for internal revenue taxation, and removing all of said tax except that now collected upon spirits distilled in whole or in part, from grain and upon malt liquors. Second, providing for the levy and collection of a graduate tax upon all incomes of persons, corporations, associations and trusts of \$5,000 and upwards per annum; the proceeds of said income tax to be devoted exclusively to the payment of pensions. Third, providing that all articles or products not manufactured or produced in the United States shall enter the ports of the United States free of all import duty.

#### Our Candidate for the Presidency.

The people of the United States love a brave man, and Cleveland is a brave man; they love an honest man, and God knows he is an honest man; they love a man of good sound judgment, and I do not know any man of sounder judgment than his. They love a man who stands up for the people, who stands up for principle and does not fear to take the consequences, and such a man is Grover Cleveland. There scarcely ever happened in the history of this world a sublimer spectacle than the renomination of Grover Cleveland by the unanimous voice of the convention. And now I say you did a wise thing in that, a patriotic thing in that. Gentlemen, it will be an honor to every man of St. Louis convention as long as he lives that he was there to cast his vote for this worthy President of the United States. ALLEN G. THURMAN.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUB. INSTRUCTION. RALEIGH, N. C., June 6, 1888. To the Supt. of Pub. Instruction of Mitchell County.

DEAR SIR:—Reduced Railroad rates have been secured to Normals. Those desiring to avail themselves of these rates must hold a certificate signed by a County Superintendent of Public Instruction. I send you a bundle of blank certificates, and ask you to furnish them to any person who may apply and be entitled to them. The only persons who are entitled to certificates are teachers, those preparing to teach, and such persons as go by invitation as instructors or lecturers. Please give notice through your county papers and extend all facilities you can for the convenient furnishing of these certificates, and secure the attendance of your teachers on some Normal if possible.

The arrangement includes all the principal lines of railroad in the State, and the shorter lines operated by them. The rates for return tickets, for short distances, 50 miles and under, are about 4 cents per mile; for 80 miles, \$2.70; 100 miles, \$3.25; 150 miles, \$4.30; 200 miles, \$5.00, and so on, increasing as the distance increases over the same line. Tickets will be on sale two or three days before the opening and be good for two or three days after the closing of the Normals according to the following schedule.

- Asheville opens July 3d, closes July 20th. Sparta opens July 30th, closes August 29th. Washington opens July 19th, closes August 16th. Winston opens July 10th, closes July 27th. Franklin opens July 16th, closes August 13th. Newton opens July 5th, closes July 27th. Elizabeth City opens July 9th, closes July 27th. Wilson opens July 4th, closes July 25th. Goldsborough (colored) opens June 4th, closes July 4th. Greensborough (colored) opens July 2d, closes July 27th.

S. M. FINGER, State Supt. Public Instruction.

#### ALAS!!

Dedicated to the champions of Republicanism in Mitchell County, but more especially the young doctor, who will have a very lucrative practice after the November election—clasping hands and shedding tears over the dead bodies of long-cherished Republican Heroes.

Who was it, a gentleman of Inky race, Wearing a smiling, dark-like face, Nominated for the second place? Jeter Pritchard!

Who was—it the immortal Greene In old Ashe so oft had seen, Where red-handed crime had been? Jeter Pritchard!

Who was it sought for political fame, When others reeling in corrupt'd shame Opposed the mention of such a name? Jeter Pritchard!

Who was it wrote to old Jeff Hyams; All about poverty and hard times, And sought for a few Revenue dimes? Jeter Pritchard!

Who was it forsook his principles loud, And sought for petition under—Dowd, To be in a famous Revenue crowd? Jeter Pritchard!

Who is it among that soul-sick throng, Will hear Democracy's gallant song, O'er the grave where sleeps in sweet repose, The last vestige of Republican foes? Jeter Pritchard!

\*The negro who nominated him. †The killing of Smiler and son. ‡A letter asking for a Revenue place under Democratic rule.

DELEGATE. Landmark please copy.

#### A TRIP TO BAKERSVILLE.

Your correspondent seated himself in the west bound train Wednesday, May 16th, his destination being Bakersville. We arrived at Marion, N. C., promptly at 3:30 p. m. where we were informed the W. N. C. R. R. & C. S. make connection. Finding we were mistaken owing to the heavy rain and freshet on the Catawba river we had to stay two days in the quiet and humble town of Marion; but on the 18th at 6 o'clock a. m. we boarded the 3 Cs. train for Bakersville, although the road was very muddy and the Catawba river deep—but in spite of all this our train rushed right through at the rate of four miles to the hour, then we had a distance of twelve miles of almost perfect road. Keeping up our regular rate of time we dashed along the 3 Cs. and soon struck the foot of the Blue Ridge. This mountain being very high and the grade being 80 feet to the mile we could not possibly keep our rate of time, but very soon we learned by sound of the station blow and the cry of the porter at Brinkley's Station, "twenty minutes for dinner," that we had arrived at our dinner house, where all the luxuries of the season were awaiting us, which we partook of in the most sumptuous manner.

After a short view of the grand old Blue Ridge and a drink of her cooling waters prepared us for our journey. At 1:20 the "all a board" was heard and we bounded the train. Now for a distance of seventeen miles to the city of Bakersville the road being very level we dashed along at our usual speed. At 6 o'clock p. m. the porter was again heard to cry "Bakersville!" the depot being a distance of two miles west of town. We were met by a number of friends in hacks and omnibusses. We boarded a hack and up rolling waters of Cane Creek was a very pleasant drive, and a few minutes landed us in the pleasant town of Bakersville. It is a beautiful little town and the county seat of Mitchell, situated on the banks of Cane Creek, having a population of 600 good people, has two hotels, a number of private boarding houses, two livery stables, six dry goods stores, two drug stores, a wholesale and retail provision store. The people of Bakersville and Mitchell county always have a near and warm place in our heart.

We remained two weeks in the town and met quite a number of friends and had many pleasant talks with those we used to know well.

But we find Mitchell, like many other places, in many respects has changed from what it used to be in 1884 when we stayed in Bakersville when Cleveland and Blaine run the race that they will perhaps run again, the Democrats were few and far between, but time has rolled on and Grover was elected; but I am proud to say this time on the eve of another race when I meet the men I met 1884 when I am compelled to say things are not what they seemed to be then—they take their stand for Cleveland and Reform.

#### DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

The Democratic party of the United States, in National Convention assembled, renews the pledge of its fidelity to the Democratic faith, and reaffirms the platform adopted by its representatives in the convention of 1884, and endorses the views expressed by President Cleveland in his last earnest message to Congress, as a correct interpretation of that platform upon the question of the tariff reduction; and also endorses the efforts of our Democratic representatives in Congress to secure a reduction of excessive taxation. Among its principles of party faith are the maintenance of an indissoluble union of free and inextinguishable States, now about to enter upon its second century of unexampled progress and renown; devotion to the plan of government regulated by the written Constitution, strictly specifying every granted power and expressly reserving to the States or the people the entire ungranted residue of power; encouragement of jealous popular vigilance, directed to all who have been chosen for brief terms to enact and execute the laws, and are charged with the duty of preserving peace, ensuring equality, and establishing justice.

The Democratic party welcomes exacting security of the administration of the executive power which four years ago was committed to its trust in the election of Grover Cleveland President of the United States; but it challenges the most searching inquiry concerning its fidelity and devotion to the pledges which then invited the suffrages of the people. During the most critical period of our financial affairs, resulting from over taxation, anomalous condition of our currency and public debt, unamortured, it has by the adoption of a wise and conservative course, not only averted disaster but greatly promoted the prosperity of the people.

It has reversed the improvident and unwise policy of the Republican party touching the public domain, and has reclaimed from corporations and syndicates, alien and domestic, and restored to the people nearly one hundred million acres of land to be sacredly held as homesteads for our citizens.

While carefully guarding the interest to the principles of justice and equity, it has paid out more for pensions and bounties to the soldiers and sailors of the Republic than was ever paid before during an equal period. It has adopted and consistently pursued a firm and prudent foreign policy, preserving peace with all nations while scrupulously maintaining all the rights and interests of our own government and our people at home and abroad. Exclusion from our shores of Chinese labor has been effectually secured under the provision of a treaty, the operation of which has been postponed by the action of the Republican majority in the Senate.

In every branch and department of Government under Democratic control the rights and welfare of the people have been guarded and defended; every public interest has been protected and the equality of all our citizens before the law, without regard to race or color, has been steadfastly maintained. Upon its record, thus exhibited,

and upon the pledge of a continuance to the people of the benefits of Democracy, invokes a renewal of the popular trust by the re-election of its chief magistrate, who has been faithful, able and prudent. To invoke that in addition to the trust they transfer also to the Democracy the entire legislative power.

The Republican party, controlling the Senate, and resisting in both houses of Congress reformation of unjust and unequal tax laws which have outlasted the necessities of war, and are now undermining the abundance of a long peace, deny to the people the equality before the law, and the fairness and justice which are their rights. Then the cry of American labor for a better share in the rewards of industry is stifled with false pretense; enterprise is fettered and bound down by home markets; capital is discouraged with doubt, and unequal and unjust laws can neither be properly amended or repealed.

The Democratic party will continue with all the power confided to it to struggle to reform these laws in accordance with the pledges of its last platform, endorsed at the ballot box by the suffrages of the people, of all the industrious freemen of our land. The immense majority, including every tiller of the soil, gain no advantage from excessive tax laws, but the price of nearly everything they buy is increased by the favoritism of this unequal system of tax legislation. Unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation.

It is repugnant to the creed of Democracy that by such taxation the cost of necessities of life should be unjustifiably increased to all our people. Judged by the Democratic principles the interests of the people are betrayed, when, by unnecessary taxation trusts and combinations are permitted to exist, which, while unduly enriching the few that combine, rob the body of our citizens by depriving them of the benefits of natural competition. Every Democratic rule of governmental action is violated which, through unnecessary taxation a vast sum of money far beyond the needs of an economical administration is drawn from the people and the channels of trade and accumulated as a demoralizing surplus in the National Treasury. The money now lying idle in the federal treasury, resulting from a superfluous taxation amounts to more than a hundred and twenty-five millions, and the surplus collected is reaching a sum of more than sixty millions annually. Debauched by this immense temptation, the remedy of the Republican party is to meet and exhaust, by extravagant appropriations and expenses, whether constitutional or not, the accumulation of extravagant taxation. The Democratic policy is to enforce frugality in public expenses, and abolish unnecessary taxation.

Our established domestic industries and enterprises should not, and need not be endangered by a reduction of the burdens of taxation. On the contrary, a fair and careful revision of our tax laws, with a due allowance for the difference between the wages of American and foreign labor must promote and encourage every branch of such industries and enterprises, by giving them assurances of an extended market and steady and continuous operations.

In the interests of American labor, which will in no event be neglected, the revision of our tax law, contemplated by the Democratic party, should promote the advantage of such labor by cheapening the cost of the necessities of life in the home of every workingman and at the same time securing to him steady and remunerative employment. Upon this question of tariff reform, so concerning every phase of our national life, and upon every question involved in the problem of good government the Democratic party submits its principles and professions to the intelligent suffrages of the American people.

#### THE MEXICAN PENSION BILL HAS PASSED! AND

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