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THANKSGIVING DAY.

We have much to be thankful for at this time. This Nation is at peace with the world; the few international questions that arose during the preceding year have all been amicably and satisfactorily settled, and the general condition of our land is, physically and financially good, and morally at least no worse than heretofore...

"God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand, Through storm and night; When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of winds and wave, Do thou our country save By thy great might."

The Appalachian Philosopher, published at Jefferson, Ashe county, is in some respects unique amongst its State contemporaries. It denounces both the Democratic and Republican parties and advocates their disbanding. But any impartial reasoner can see that now parties would of necessity be formed of the same elements whatever might be their issues or platforms.

"The Democratic party brought on the war. The war ended disastrously to the South. Therefore the Democratic party should have died with the war, beyond the hope of resurrection. Its principles are too non-progressive to shape the policy of a progressive nation. Its cardinal doctrines are rather detrimental to the country than otherwise, and devoid of true patriotism and political economy. The Democratic party theory calls for an expensive system of government. It was not the party for the South after the war, but the corruption and excesses of the Republican party called it into existence again, for the want of something better. The Republican party was formed for an object by honest men. It accomplished its mission, but after repeated successes became grossly corrupt. It should have disbanded then, but no act of disinterested patriotism can be expected of a political party whose chief end is the spoils of office rather than the welfare of the country, and that is the position of both the political parties today, and one has not a whit more virtue than the other. Neither has any great prospect of beneficent policy to present to the people."

COUNTY ROADS AND STATE CONVICTS.

We have seen no dissenting opinion expressed by the State press in regard to demanding that convicts shall be put to work on the public roads instead of upon the railroads all of which are now operated by private corporations. The fact is this whole system of road working should be reformed. If convicts cannot be utilized in that way, the work should be done by taxation and men relieved from duty of this kind who do not possess an acre of land or driving stock of any kind. We have not the space to discuss the subject, but copy from the Salisbury Watchman which says, in an editorial advocating the use of penitentiary convicts on the public highways:

"The greatest rebuke to our civilization is the utter want of respectability in our public highways. A change in the laws that would enable the counties to employ criminals would have a good effect. First, on the criminals themselves, in giving them good open air exercise and thus preserving their health and secondly, it would be a much needed relief to the honest, industrious farmer, who in addition to his labors and annual taxes is required to work the roads. The counties are obliged to keep the roads up, and also to feed and care for criminals. In any sense, it seems just and right that the county should command the services of such criminals to do such public work as does not conflict with the trades of law-abiding people, and especially so when such service will undoubtedly tend to the comfort and convenience of the whole people."

POLITICAL.

Mr. John S. Barbour of Virginia who has been interviewed as to the cause of Democratic reverses in his State, is reported as saying: "The Democratic disasters in Virginia are due to a feeling of dissatisfaction with the Administration principally. There were other causes, but this was the main one to create the apathy that existed. We are all partisans in Virginia. The Mahone men are partisans of the strongest type. The Democrats who oppose them could not be otherwise if they wished. The Democrats have not been satisfied that the Mahone office-holders should remain in office under a Democratic Administration. In other words, they have not believed that this is a Democratic Administration."

Cartoll, Labor candidate supported by Democrats, defeated Early, Rep., by one vote for the New Jersey Legislature. Another instance showing how important it is for every elector to vote. No man can tell whether his vote will be needed or not before the votes are counted. The Knights of Labor, it appears, have a great rival in the Trades Unions. They will hold a Convention on the 8th of December at Columbus, Ohio. The object is to extend these organizations in all the States "to influence State legislation in the interest of the working classes," and "to disseminate tracts and literature on the Labor movement." One delegate is allowed from unions of less than 4,000 members; two for 4,000 or more; three for 8,000 or more and so on.—Wilmington Star.

Party lines have been relaxed in some quarters, and there is an inter-change of voters between the two owing to the readjustments incident to a change of issues in national politics; but taking the country together it is still Democrat against Republican, and the relative strength of the old organizations has not experienced greater change than has occurred many times before during the past twenty-five years. The Democrat in States remain Democratic, the Republican, remain Republican and the doubtful States continue to be doubtful.

This is especially true of New York. Again this State has been carried by the Democrats. But again it is by a margin so small and so wholly fortuitous that no Democrat can be so sanguine as to call the State absolutely certain for his party.—N. Y. World, Dem.

EX-PRESIDENT ARTHUR.

The death of an ex-President of the United States should call forth special editorial reference from papers of all parties. Going into the highest office in our country under such tragic circumstances, and at a time of great anxiety and apprehension, he so bore himself with manly dignity and patriotic fairness and so conducted the affairs of the country at large that he steadily grew in popular favor and put the public business in a better condition than when he assumed office. Nay, more than this, he found the country disquieted, the two sections in bitter antagonism, the best men in the South filled with gravest apprehensions, and he left it with peace and confidence and good will prevailing from border to border, and assurance and hope restored to all sections. He was fair towards the South, allowed its people to work out their destiny undisturbed by threats and unmolested by vindictive, coercive measures. Under his judicious, American system—treating all sections alike and with the same regard—he commanded the confidence of his countrymen, and retired from office with the respect of both parties.

No man ever began office under more depressing circumstances except Andrew Johnson. Mr. Arthur was elected Vice President on the ticket with Gen. Garfield, and it was sincerely believed by a large minority of the electors of the country that the ticket was composed of corrupt men. Mr. Arthur was regarded with genuine suspicion by the Democrats, and was thought to be a vicious ward politician of the New York type. His own President had driven him from office because of improprieties, if not corruption. But he left behind him whatever of disgracefulness there was in his political record, and assuming the high functions of the Presidency of fifty millions of people he knew no section and extended to the South as he did to the North even-handed justice. This made him friends among his opponents.

It is not meant to assert that his Administration was free from faults or was not partisan. It was a Republican Administration, and was the best the country had had since Buchanan's which terminated 4th March, 1861. President Arthur exhibited more ability, more statesmanship, more character than was expected by either party, and it is only fair and just to his memory that these things should be said in a Democratic newspaper that opposed steadfastly whatever was distinctively Republican and partisan.—Wilmington Star.

STATE NEWS.

The Supreme Court at Raleigh called appeals from the eight district last Monday.

Winston Republican: Died Nov. 14th, Mr. J. G. Fulton, aged 28 years. He leaves a wife and one child.

The Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church assembled on the 24th instant, at New Bern.

Edenton Enquirer: Edenton is the only place in the world that we know of which utilizes a tree for a light house. It is the bounden duty of our Congressmen to ask for and insist upon an appropriation to build a light house here.

Greensboro North Star: The C. F. & Y. V. now runs a train daily from Worthville to Linville North of Summerfield. It goes North in the morning and returns in the evening. We have not enquired, but presume it runs on an india rubber schedule. Progress is running over us in every direction.

Winston Progressive Farmer: We saw a farmer in Northampton county who raises his own bread and meat at home and who has ten pigs ten months old that will average 170 to 180 pounds each. He expects to make 2,000 pounds of net pork, at a cost of one dollar and twenty-five cents per hundred pounds. He does it with the refuse from his kitchen, the gleanings from his wheat, oats, rye and pea fields, and with peanuts, turnips and potatoes.

Walnut Cove News: Quite a squad of convicts passed through town on-route for Mt. Airy, to work on that end of C. F. & Y. R. R.—The flouring mill of Cabell Hairston will be finished in two weeks. The machinists are doing some good work.—Three children—Mr. Cabell Hairston's Mr. Weir's and Mr. Redd's, fell in the town fork at railroad bridge near town, and came near being drowned. But owing to the timely assistance of Miss Hallie Redd, they were saved from a watery grave.

Germanon Times: Belows creek, where the cars are now at, is only 13 miles from this place, and a good deal of the road bed from that point to Germanon has been either graded, within the last two years, or had been worked on since having been graded which makes the work preparing the road bed quite easy. We do not see why the cars should be delayed, coming to Germanon, longer than the middle of January. We think it can be done.

Wadesboro Intelligencer: We live in a strange age, and strange things are continually happening. There is something the matter with the moon. A few nights ago it cut a queer caper. It was shining bright as day, between eleven and twelve o'clock. There was not a cloud obscuring the clear blue sky. Suddenly there came a vivid flash of lightning, which settled around Dian in the form of a bright rainbow, and there remained for nearly an hour, when it gradually faded out. We did not see this sight ourself, but saw a man who did see it, and he vouches for the truth of the statement.

THE DURHAM FIRE.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 16.—At 2:30 o'clock this morning fire broke out in Atwater's grocery store at Durham and spread with fearful rapidity. Two blocks of brick buildings and part of the third are entirely destroyed. Thirteen brick stores including post office and Blackwell's bank are in ashes. Parrish's warehouse, covering half block, his two great leaf houses and steamery are all burned. Three large leaf tobacco houses, one costly dwelling and four stores on opposite block are badly damaged, and 1,000,000 pounds of tobacco were totally destroyed. The best part of the town is burned. There is no supply of water and property was at the entire mercy of the flames. The loss is said to be half million dollars. The total insurance is \$325,000. Parrish estimates his loss at about \$300,000, but covered by about \$200,000 insurance. He lost 700 hogsheads of tobacco, besides great quantities of leaf on floor of warehouse and in prize houses. The following were burned out: J. Levy, B. H. Atwater, A. M. Rigbee, Lambator & German, Shelburn, J. Goldschmidt, C. C. Taylor, S. B. Perry, Q. E. Rawls, M. C. Herndon, postoffice. Tobacco Plant newspaper office, Hamilton's confectionery, C. T. Pastley, jewelry; Mrs and Miss Smith, millinery; Measley & Measley, C. J. Parrish, warehouse, two prize houses; Bank of Durham, Umstead's prize room, W. H. Osborn's stock of tobacco in Umstead's building, and the residence of Ed. Lyon. The Methodist church was in great danger, but the wind veered to east and saved it and also buildings south of the main street. The fire has made a terrible gap in the best business portion of the place. Contracts for rebuilding most of the buildings were made to-day. Most of the buildings burned were new and, some had just been occupied. Durham has no water works and no fire department.

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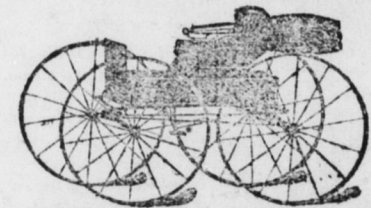
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