

Durham N. C. Sept. 21, 1884. MR. EDITOR:-I have heard from several quarters of a desire on the part of some for an extension of the limits of the town of Durham and while the proposed limits as stated in your article are unwise at this time yet rerhaps an extension of one half mile East and West would more clearly represent the views of the great majority. I am pleased to get your expression that this matter "ought not to take on a political aspect" and I presume I am correct in supposing that you a representative of Local Self Government have no desire in the matter aside from the will of those living in the territory sought to be incorporated. It is hardly to be expected that the dominant party will allow any loop hole for the control of the town by the Republicans: in this respect it must assume somewhat of a political aspect and in this regard alone, I beg to suggest that a fairly reasonable compromise might be made by providing representation for the minority-say two of five or three of seven Commissioners with the Mayor elected by popular vote and with no vote in the Board except in case of a tie. Every fair minded man ought at least to grant this and let the case rest upon its merits. Our town government would perhaps be more conservative if we had a minority representation. Again we have another question, likely to cause friction-our school. No doubt a distance of one mile and upwards is too far for many of our children to walk to school through the streets, alleys, lanes and paths abounding in mud as they do in Winter and Spring-Can the school be divided? Yes and still retain all that is necessary in a public school. It may do away with some of the higher branches, but it will still provide a good school-as good as the general

citizens and for a repeal of the present odious, tyrannical and unrepublican County Government system whereby Commissioners, Magistrates, School Committeemen, County Superintendents &c., are appointed to rule over the financial and educational affairs of a once free people. These County officers are rarely the choice of a majority of their own party even, but are selected by the Chairman of County Democratic Executive Committee without regard to fitness or training, but solely to subserve partisan ends by having them scotch for the Court House Rings and Cliques. As a rule (with but few honorable exceptions) they are subservient to and willing tools of the bosses. In the discharge of their duties they are learning to have an eye more to party ends than for the public weal. Their partizanship on more than one occasion has even entered into the selection of free school teachers and the assessment of property. It has threatened the sanctity of the Courts through the selection of Jurors. The system is a monstrous and iniquitous tyranny that even the subjects of Queen Victoria would grow restive under. The Bourbons themselves have never attempted to justify or defend the system upon any other grounds than that of "expediency" to keep themselves in power, by the powerful machine methods the appointive system affords.

The Bourbon platform declares in favor of retaining the present or some "equally effective" system. Here is a vital issue that divides the Liberals and Bourbons and upon which there can be no Compromise short of a full restoration to the people of their right to Local Self Government. This issue is sufficient to decide every true republican to support any coalition that promises relief. It is a choice between pure Jeffersonian Democracy on one

NOT FOR AN HOUR.

One day last week one of our genial democratic friends stopped at the office of the REPUBLICAN to call our attention to the report that Hon. Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State under Grant had joined the Cleveland throng, -a report that just met his eye in the News and Observer. We reached for a paper near by and there read him a denial of the charge over the name of Hamilton Fish. We have since been sorry that we were so hasty. He should have been allowed the pleasure of a few hours enjoyment of that precious piece of campaign news: coming so soon too after the "stunning" news from Maine. We will try and be more considerate in the future.

public should pay for. I shall favor extension East and West: the rights of the minority and a division of the school district.

FAIR PLAY.

[Republished by Request.] THE DIFFERENCE.

As some "pink edged" republicans profess to see no difference between a Liberal and a Bourbon Democrat we will try to enlighten them.

The Liberal platform declares emphatically for protection to American industries and labor—for the distribution of the surplus revenues of the General Government among the Several States for the education of the masses, for equal political rights to all

Liberalism means progress—reform —enlightenment—protection, and a full and free exercise of the right of franchise while Bourbonism means proscription—intolerance—unfair discriminations and abridgment of the right of suffrage.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Messrs. York and Scales are advertised to speak as follows: Hillsboro, Tuesday Sept. 30. Durham, Wednesday Oct. 1. Raleigh, Thursday Oct. 2.

Subscribe to the REPUBLICAN,