

## A CHANGE NEEDED.

There is no aspect of politics that has as much interest for the average voter as the local matters directly affecting himself and his immediate locality. With three democratic papers published in Durham but little is printed of the proceedings of County Commissioners, Magistrates meetings &c. Picking up a paper published in East Carolina we find an itemized statement of the bills allowed by the Board of Commissioners and paid by the County Treasurer.

Who has ever seen such a statement of account for Durham County printed in the papers or posted at the Court House door. Why are the people kept in the dark when they should be treated with frankness in this matter? Is there anything that won't stand the scrutiny of publication? We do not say that there is but we do say that "the servant is not greater than his lord" and that the tax payer has a right to know what his money is paid out for. Then again there is an unconstitutional levy of the poll tax at \$2.00 in lieu of \$1.25 the limited amount. This the people should take a bold stand against and as they are powerless to rebuke this disregard of law at the polls by dethroning the power that levied it, they should go beyond the creature and strike at the System by joining in the "Liberal" movement that has for its object the placing of this power of local self-government again in the hands of the people where it rightfully belongs. What the tax payers demand and what they are entitled to know and what should cheerfully and quickly be accorded them is a full and complete statement under oath of all business transactions fully itemized, involving money since the establishment of the County. Let us have that and then let steps be taken to put money in the treasury to meet current demands. With property assessed at millions we have a treasury unable to meet demands drawn for cents. When may we look for such a statement? Let the tax payer have it or let him have the opportunity to protect his future by his vote in November.

Keep it before the people that every measure of legislation since the war, calculated to impose upon the ignorance of the unlettered and unlearned is of democratic origin and conception.

## "OVER PRODUCTION."

Gen. Scales stated in his Durham speech that money panics were caused by "over-production" thus showing that his "free trade" tendencies were entirely of a party nature. His English Free Trade writers would laugh out of court any person who came to them with such an explanation. Writers on political economy unanimously contend that there is not, can not be "over-production:" a few moments serious thought should convince any reasoning man that Gen. Scales' position is not well taken. Production is the result of labor, and labor is not a cause of panic. To say with certainty what causes money panics is difficult but it is certain the labor and product of our country is never a cause and Gen. Scales' "over-production" is a myth.

## DR. YORK.

Durham has heard York and Scales; judgment has been passed upon them by their hearers. Without disparaging Gen. Scales we can truthfully say that Dr. York held his friends and gained others—firm, steadfast friends. He never made an appeal for himself, never bid for colored votes or others and yet he will have them when needed: he just charmed and then captured: they listened, they trusted and they will give loyal support. Our vote is solid and gaining strength. Durham County can be wheeled into line. Let it be "York and Local Self Government" for ourselves. "Blaine and Protection" for the nation. Now is the time for work—only four weeks to election day, Work quietly but work all the same.

Let the people know that poll taxes are levied this year while property is exempted: let them know that the Magistrates of Durham County have levied a tax on the poll of SEVENTY-FIVE cents more than our State Constitution allows. Tell them that and ask them how they are to help themselves.

## NEW YORK FREE TRADE CLUB.

This club numbers 314 members and is composed of 109 lawyers, 66 gentlemen of leisure, 75 merchants, bankers, and brokers, chiefly importers, 27 literateurs and publishers, 14 presidents, secretaries, &c., 6 professors, the remaining 17, including 2 foreign consuls, belonging to 9 different professions or businesses.

No laboring men here: no farmers: no manufacturers. The farmer feeds, pays and supports all these.

## THE CAUSE OF DISTRUST.

It seems strange to the Democrats that the people hesitate to place confidence in them. "Are we not American citizens?" they ask. "Should it not be presumed that we also have honest desires for the country's welfare?" Nothing angers them more than to be held unworthy of confidence or of belief: but can they really wonder?

Do they not see that their candidate is dumb? Why? In one place he is supported as a Free-Trader, in another as a Protectionist. On one side or the other, men are trying to get votes for him by false pretences. Yet his party does not want him to speak. His party wants votes by false pretences. It cannot find fault if he is no better than the party. But how is it possible for the members themselves to trust such a party? In private life men do not trust one another after deliberate deception has been detected.

The very platform of the party—was it not, as General Butler charges, contrived after a labor of thirty-six hours with deliberate intent to deceive? Do not men now see the party wrangling about the meaning of this trick of words? Contrast the words with deeds. Did not the party elect its majority in the House on the ground that it would change the tariff? Did it not nominate and elect Mr. Carlisle because he was a Free Trader? Did it not take up and try to pass a bill, because it was "a first firm step toward free trade"? Did it not loudly appeal to Republicans Free Traders: "Behold, how brave we are; how loyal our devotion to 'principle'?" But now what is it doing? Take up its organs and their editorials; Prohibition, day after day; vile slanders about a pure and worthy family: vile falsehoods about a statesman—falsehoods so vile that men like President Woolsey feel bound to say that they cannot believe them. Is this all? Not a word about the tariff after all these speeches; after such posturing as "revenue reformers," no more than this? Exactly this, and nothing more. How can such a party be trusted?

The men do not trust themselves. They know that their party is dishonest. They know that it is destitute of patriotic purpose. They know that it is so hungry for spoils that it will sacrifice every conviction it ever had, or fancied it had, for fat places. They know that it has no defined and honorable aim. Men who seek power in order to do the country good, have an ambition that is grand and worthy. This party has no idea how it could do the country good. But it has a low idea, on a level with the craving of a beast, that the offices would be most desirable; most filling. How is such a party to be trusted?—[N. Y. Tribune.]