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THE ENCAMPMENT.

Camp Beaufort is three miles from Morehead City by rail, and is located on a strip of land between the railroad and the sound. It was prior to the late war a Carolina City. The location is a happy one, situated, as it is, in a nice grove overlooking the sound which is from two to three miles broad. Beyond it is sand and gridding the ocean is a sand bar some two or three hundred yards wide, inhabited, it is said, very largely by rattlesnakes. But some of the "boys" thought this a false report to keep them at a distance lest they might discover some blockade stills which were said to be manufactured using the "frye snuff" on the bar. Some three miles from camp on the ocean side of this bar is what is known as the "Holins place," and besides the pleasure derived from sitting here and watching the ever ceaseless surging of the billows, self-bathing is indulged in to a great extent within a few steps of the house. Near his place a large turtle weighing 752 pounds was captured.

But we return to the camp near which could be seen a dozen or more sail-boats ready and anxious to serve you at \$5.00 per day or convey you to Morehead or other points for less. It was on one of these boats that a party of some thirty, mostly of the Maxton boys, left camp for a sail to the light house eighteen or twenty miles away. The wind was blowing at a soft breeze and the little boat glided gracefully over the slightly rippled waters, passing Morehead City, Fort Macon and Beaufort. Fort Macon is located almost opposite Beaufort on the sand bar already mentioned and on an elevated mound covered with a beautiful green sward. The officer in command of the fort resides with his family on this island. Some of the guns that belched forth the deadly shot and canister across this sound in '62 are still mounted with their dark mouths seaward. A little lower down, and you pass the inlet. Here you have your choice of going out through the inlet and riding the waves of the sea proper to the light house or continuing down the sound. As the waves at this point were already making many of us think of loved ones at home and silent prayers, we soon chose the latter route. We pass along Shackelford island on the right that is 22 miles long, on which many families reside and on which cattle and marsh ponies are raised. Harker Island on the left of us is eight miles long and is also inhabited. These islands are both covered with beautiful green foliage and are simply grand to behold. The cattle and ponies live here year in and year out with nothing to live on save what nature furnishes them, while the ponies paw holes in the earth for fresh water. Soon the light house at Cape Lookout is seen looming up toward the heavens 150 feet high. When we had at the cattle pen the house seems to be but a stone's throw away when in fact it is 2 1/2 miles distant. Owing to the shallowness of the water the boatman was unable to convey us in less than fifty yards of the shore, but offered to carry us the rest of the way upon his back. All refused this kind of conveyance except Bro. Harker and Evander McNair who were subject to many tilts as they rode out astraddle of the boatman's neck to dry land. About the time everybody had left the boat a shark came along waving his tail and caused a general stampede for the shore.

The light house is built on the island and is made of brick or stone. The base is about fifty feet in diameter and is made perfectly round. It gradually tapers until at the top it is only a foot fifteen feet in diameter. A flight of iron steps on the inside winds from base to top where there is a large brass lamp-some ten or fifteen feet long which consumes in one night seven and one half gallons of kerosene oil. This light in fair weather

can be seen forty miles. As such we were a little nervous while at the top of this structure, our mind was full of thoughts as we gazed out upon the lily white deep. We found ourself turning back more than once to get a last look at the "randsight." The boys scattered all over the island some in search of shells and others chasing the sway-backed, long-tailed ponies. It was an exceedingly warm evening and we were all happy to again reach the boat.

We have been away, first at the Encampment and then at the Institute, until we have gotten rather behind. And amid the confusion incident to such occasions, we have mislaid the letter from our Third party friend in which he takes us to task for misrepresenting the Alliance leaders, saying that in our issue of July 30th we accused Dr. Cyrus Thompson of making political speeches before the Alliance, and says we were in error when we said the Dr. was an elector on the Third party ticket last fall in the 3rd Congressional district. As to his being an elector we were in error and stand corrected. But as to his being a candidate for no office at all, our correspondent is in error. Thompson was nominated for the State Senate from six of the small counties in Eastern North Carolina and was of course defeated. The Third party nominee for elector not being able to withstand the heavy artillery of his Democratic antagonist, Hon. John G. Shaw, Thompson was called to fill his place. This fact led us into the error of saying that he was the nominee for elector. But he was a candidate on the Third party ticket which fact our correspondent denies.

Again our grumbler says we misrepresented the Dr. when we said that his speech recently at Luther's Grove, Cumberland county, was political, when it was nothing but the "Alliance demands." The silver question "not politics?" The sub-treasury "not politics?" The Government ownership of railroads "not politics?" Did he not discuss all these and yet no politics? Will our learned correspondent tell us what is politics? We are reliably informed that Thompson discussed all these and kindred subjects at Luther's Grove, and yet he didn't touch politics!

Again our correspondent says we ourselves were once an Alliance man and obtained subscribers under this color, saying we would stand on our own dung hill and crow as loud as we liked, &c., &c. We never obtained a subscriber with the understanding or a shadow of pretense that we were running anything else than a straight-forward, common sense Democratic paper. The very last time we ever attended an Alliance caucus was at Red Springs, more than fifteen months ago. Marlo Butler presided at caucus and we think our disgruntled correspondent was there. Butler was very careful to charge the "brethren" that whatever they did never to think of leaving the grand old Democratic party. This was in May, 1892. See him later at the State Convention and a little later still in his office writing complimentary editorials on the Alliance and the Democratic party on securing the best ticket the State had ever had. But in just two months see him after his summersault standing on his head kicking at the whole Democratic world. But why follow him? Everybody knows his treachery.

Again our correspondent says we sold out to our Democratic friends for the promise of a revenue appointment. We can't well see how we could sell to an organization to which we already belonged. No one has ever offered us or promised us any office under the sun. We were offered \$2,000 or two thousand cash subscribers by a learned M. D. in the Third party if we would run our paper in the interest of said party, and we not only wanted to kick him, but ourself also, for acting in such a way or saying anything that would lead him to even hope to be able to induce us to go with a ring-straked and striped crowd. No, Mr. Correspondent we have done our best to stand by the people in the primary, county and State conventions; and when the Alliance in copartnership with the non-Alliance Democrats of the State put up a ticket we stuck to it and did all we could to help

elect it, while you and your Third party crowd, after going into the primary, county and State Democratic conventions and helped to nominate the ticket, turned traitors and went out to find a new ticket to knock it down with. Yes, we stuck to the ticket we helped to nominate, while your back was upon us.

Sometimes we hear some little hair-brained fellow talk about pulling us out of the Third party. Pulling us out of the Third party! When such little fellows fought in as many battles from 1865 to 1893 as we have they will learn that the person pulling must be stronger than the one pulled. We thought so when the Wilmington Messenger was prattling about pulling Capt. Sid. B. Alexander out of the Third party.

Our Third party friend informs us that our paragraph in the issue of July 4th in reference to Dr. Cyrus Thompson was referred to the "brethren" in Cumberland county and that said brethren had passed resolutions forbidding the "sub-brethren" to patronize any paper that dares to criticize their leaders. Oh ye builders of Jerusalem how ye have fallen! This once noble order that informed me upon entering its secret chambers that it should never interfere with my religious or political principles now turns around and tells us that it is going to boycott us. Now and then we hear some lone sentiment who joined the Alliance three or four years ago when the "Alliance wasn't in politics" crying return, ch wanderers, return! The Alliance not political! Why two of its most ardent members who are also elders in the Presbyterian Church and who were at the Elders' and Deacons' Institute last week left that delightful meeting that should have been so important to them and drove a lame mule all the way to Lilesville over a bad road to hear old Weaver speak. Their politics more important than their religion. Our correspondent was one of them. No wonder he is mad at it.

Senator Vance has written another letter deflating his position with regard to the money question. His first letter was misinterpreted by the Democratic State press—hence the second. Many people went so far as to assert that he had gone over to the Third party and was training with Butler and his misguided followers. Absurd! There is nothing the matter with Vance. He stands level-footed on the Chicago platform. What more could we expect of our great commoner?

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 5.—The air is not, but that is not the only reason so many Congressmen are hot in the face, or the cause of such a flow of words, or of such vigorous gestures accompanying the arguments heard on every hand.

The chief rendezvous is the Metropolitan hotel, where headquarters of Speaker Crisp and the principal contestants for the House honors are located. There are as many opinions as to the outcome of the extra session as there are members of Congress, but enough can be sifted out of the arguments advanced to lead to the conclusion that there will be harmony and union in the Democratic ranks, though there may be considerable tinkling of silver and crumpling of paper with the first flourish of trumpet-tongues.

The Franco-Spanish war cloud seems to have blown from the horizon. Most of the North Carolina Congressional delegation is here. Probably all will be here to night unless it be Senator Ransom.

The Democratic caucus of the House meets to-night for formulating the tactics for the reorganization of that body.

Congressman Alexander told your correspondent yesterday that he was doing what he could to bring about legislation that would enable the South to get enough money of the smaller denominations to enable them to move to cotton crop.

Mr. Cleveland reached Washington to day. It is understood that his message is all ready to be transmitted to Congress on Monday.

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