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## GIVE US YOUR HARS, DEMOCRATS.

We think we understand the situation that gives rise to the plea of "no partisan politics" in our approaching town election. It is the same old game by which, if carried out, the Radicals will, practically, enjoy the triumph and what little honor and emolument are to accrue from a defeat of the Democratic ticket. It is the former consideration especially that commends this mixed ticket business to them, for they recognize in it an opportunity for disintegrating the Democratic party. They appreciate the plausibility of such a cry, as used by professing Democrats, for they know that some good Democrats have been led off by it heretofore. Long since the Democrats, as a party, have seen the folly of compromising with the enemy, even in town elections. It has injured every time to the strengthening of the Radical lines in our community and in the county. It can have none other than a damaging effect upon the regular organization of the Democratic party. It was high time to quit it, even if we did have to accept defeat as the consequence. Better that, on the principle of preserving party organization and the interests that are conserved by it, than to achieve a quasi victory with all the chuckle of delight on the side of the Radicals. They must enjoy the situation; we cannot blame them. But for Democrats, who stand for principle and who are not ashamed to urge the supremacy of party where so much is at stake, the duty before us is plain. We have an organization in the town as well as in the county, in the State, in the Union. The sure strength of the whole party consists in the solid organization of all its parts. We shall have need for an unbroken solidarity in our party ranks in the campaigns of this year. Let us begin at the beginning and marshal our forces in due time for the fight. At the call of the town executive committee, let the Democrats assemble in convention; nominate their candidates—good men and true—for the various municipal offices to be filled at the election on the first Monday in May next, and then vote for them in solid column. If any objections are to be urged on personal grounds, management, &c., the convention is the place for adjustment of all such. If satisfaction can't be given then and there—why, pull out and bolt, if you wish. But, if by your deliberate absence or failure to object at the proper time things should not be done to suit your individual choice, then don't knife the party, out of personal spite, but defer your grievance to another time and opportunity. This is the only manly course.

THE SENSIBILITIES of our correspondent may well be aroused, as seen on the local page, at the action of our town board in placing the town registration book in the keeping of a bar-keeper at his "place of business." Not that we question the right of the commissioners to have appointed whom they pleased, under the authority of law; or that *prima facie* the appointee is not a proper selection to have been made; but if it was understood that the book was to be kept at his "place of business" (see notice at the court house door, bearing date March 15th) or if, with their tacit sanction, the voter is still required to go to that "place of business" in order to register, after the fact has been brought to their attention, then we do not hesitate to say that the act deserves the flagellation administered by our correspondent. It is nothing short of an insult to the voting population of the town. If the book is to be continued at the registrar's "place of business," some names may fall to be registered, but our advice to every voter is: "See in person that your name is duly registered." It will surprise us if we do not see a large increase in the straight Democratic vote at the next town election.

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## THE SABBATH-SCHOOL MOVEMENT.

Events are fast verifying the statement made by Dr. Haygood, of the Southern Methodist Church, that the Sunday-school cause is the pre-dominating fact of the present age. There is no question, economic, political, or otherwise, that takes precedence of the Sunday-school in the public mind of this country. The various orthodox denominations are vying with each other in the spread of gospel knowledge and Scriptural lore through the medium of the Sunday-school. The international lesson system of Bible instruction has worked a revolution in teaching methods and now, certainly wherever the English language is known and read, this system is in use. In the cause is enlisted both clergy and laity of all the churches; and the work that is being accomplished and the promise for the future is obliged to have important effects upon the civilization of the age. We can imagine no influence that tends more toward the uplifting of humanity, the conservation of society at large, and the preservation of our liberties as a people. Wherever the influence finds a lodgment in the hearts of the masses, that community is safe. The Sunday-school is properly typified as "the nursery of the church" and, even more than this, it is preservative of the morality of any community. Sow thickly the seeds of the Sunday-school influence and, our word for it, there will soon be left no room for anarchy, riot or other infractions of the public peace. Its importance to the State then, as well as to the Church, demands consideration and well-directed efforts to extend that influence. The convention that assembled in Raleigh last week imparted an impetus to the movement that will pass through the years, and for North Carolina it means victory to the Sunday-school cause. The State having been organized, the credit for which being due to the efforts of Mr. William Reynolds, of Illinois, it remains for every county to arrange for periodic conventions and organize societies for the diffusion of Bible principles universally. It is a matter for congratulation that the efforts of faithful Sunday-school workers are being crowned with success everywhere.

Among the public buildings noted by this writer in Raleigh last week is the new Supreme Court building which in architectural arrangement and convenient appointments seems precisely suited to the various public uses for which it was intended. The court room is spacious, airy and exceedingly tasty in style; on a similar model of taste and comfort are the Clerks' and Reporters' rooms and large library rooms. Visitors to the capital city of our State ought to see and examine thoroughly this building. It is a credit to the State and cost the tax-payers nothing beyond the appropriation made by the Legislature, as the labor and resources of the State's prison contributed largely to the much needed improvement.

## Laurinburg Notes and Observations.

Special Correspondence of The Rocket.  
All classes seem to feel the effects of financial strain, as we hear complaints on every hand. The cash retail dealers all complain and wait for customers that come only at long intervals.  
At 5 o'clock on the morning of the 24th inst. Rev. Martin McQueen breathed his last at his home near Carthage, N. C., just one week and a few hours after the death of three members of his family, as reported in last week's Rocket. He entered the ministry at an early age and served the Great Master with faithfulness until called up to his reward.  
We were shown samples of tobacco raised near here by Mr. Robert Gibson and manufactured by Mr. R. J. Tatum, of Marlboro county, S. C., which, in appearance, compares favorably with the up-country yield. Several of our farmers erected barns and experimented in the business of raising the weed last season, but the business was not as paying as they had been led to believe, and but little will be planted here this season. The sorghum-cane growers and syrup-makers seem to have fared better, and will continue the use of their evaporators for another season. Several hundred gallons of fine syrup can be purchased from farmers here now.  
Two of our citizens, who have just returned from a trip to New Orleans and different parts of Louisiana, as well as the States through which they passed, say that no section has more advantages than ours, and that we have a country second to none in the essentials that make up health, happiness and prosperity. The advantages found over that country are not to be compared with those enjoyed here. D. T. H.

## Spring-Time Reflections.

Written for The Rocket.  
Mr. Editor:—The time when every loafer is in his glory will soon be here. That time is the fishing season. Everybody will be getting minnow-hooks, perch-hooks, cat-hooks, (cat-hooks are a favorite with the darkeys), trout-hooks, and every kind of hooks that can be got. The ubiquitous little nigger will "git thar, too," with his "Say, mister, can't I ketch yer sum minners ter-day?" The little niggers generally furnish the loafer small bait, who is too loafing lazy to catch them himself, for a small amount of stipendiary emolument. The boy whose mother tried to get him to dig up two or three feet of ground for a cabbage bed, and his back hurt him so bad that he couldn't do it, will now dig over several acres of a citizen's low grounds trying to get at the poor little "yearth wurms," and never feel tired whatever.

Go down to the factory pond almost any day in the summer time, and you will see enough loafers fishing there to take the mortgage yoke off the poor farmers' necks in Richmond county. The fellow will also come up to tell you about that "whale" he "hung" the other day. It is curious how much patience some people have. They will sit on an old log away out over the creek on a day when the glorious summer sends down its fiercest rays, and bob, bob, bob, two or three hours without getting a "nibble." But after a while an end is put to the monotony of the situation. He raises up one leg. He's got a bite. He looks at his "cork"—it's gone. He looks at him pull! He's got him; when crash! splash! "Gee dum that fish; he was a little fellow anyhow—let him go," is all he says as he is helped out of the creek wet as a "dipped" Baptist.

Some of the loafers will be pitching horse-shoes in the rear of Louis Dawkins' store all the summer. If you want to see any of them, just go back of there, you will be pretty apt to find a crowd at "horse-shoeing." Our town is blessed with more loafers than any place of its size in Christendom, I believe. There are all sorts, little, big, white and black. We ought to have a chain-gang in our town and every man or boy who couldn't give a sufficient excuse for loafing, should be placed in it and made to work for the town, if he would not work for himself. There is a pile of lumber lying beside Mr. Steele's store that has not been used up yet. It is the stopping place for loafers—especially dark hued descendants of Ham—all the time. The other day an unusual number had congregated on the pile. They reminded me of the buzzards that roost below Slabtown back of town—in rows on the tree limbs, and all black. It is a shame on the community. Great strong healthy men and boys who could be earning fifty cents or a dollar per day, and doing nothing. Some of them say, "We can't get work to do." That is all nonsense. Anybody that wants to work can find plenty of it. Good citizens should shame them about loafing at every opportunity. Satan always finds mischief for idle hands to do. Just such a populace is what pulls down a town. They are a drag on the community. They are the cause of hard times. If they—the loafers—ever get any money, about the first thing they do is to go to a bar-room and it is transferred to the keeper's till who has charge of a station that leads to the Infernal Regions, only a short distance further.

Now the streets are being taken by horse-shoe pitchers to ply their non-lucrative vocation. The town commissioners ought to charge rent for the ground they occupy or, have the marshal to suppress the pitching. Ladies don't want to be passing where they are in danger of being hit by a flying horse-shoe. Visitors or anybody else coming to our town will say, "Why, this town isn't much, nothing but loafers and horse-shoe pitchers."  
The base-ball fiend will soon be upon us with his bludgeon ready to slay innocent blood if none but the umpire's. I won't comment on them now, but the next time I am hit across my abdomen with one of their bats the whole gang had better look out, for I'll annihilate them just as we are going to do the Republican party next November.

Winter is leaving us never to return—I mean this winter of course—and "Spring-time with its sunny smile seems to banish all sorrow and gloom." It don't banish my gloom worth a cent, it only increases it, for oh, me. The "old oman" will now have me pegging away at that old garden—or new one just as you please—all the good time that is coming, and I'm afraid I will not be able to sit out on a log much and wait for a "nibble" myself. She had me in that "little plat" one day last week, and my poor back—I'm going to takeout a policy on my life—and hands—well, I can have the sympathy of like sufferers. I went to bed that night, so tired! and dreamed of seeing myriads of little Irish potatoes with big eyes dancing jigs with each other. And the oman seed that I had planted—it was the long variety—was up and the pods were all immense swords, and I dreamed a big Purple Top Turnip, with squatty legs and an impish eye, grinned with savage exultation as he seized one of the sword and stabbed me to the heart. And my restless spirit returned to earth and read the epitaph on my tombstone: "He died a martyr to the hoe-cabbage cause." CHARLIE WORLEY.

## Col. Steele.

From the Rockingham Broad Axe.  
A late issue of the Carthage Blade contains a scurrilous article on the war record of Col. Walter L. Steele, of our town. His card in reply came out last week, and we must say it was a manly denial of what he denounces as a cowardly lie, and has about it the ring of the true metal. His honorable gray hairs should shield Col. Steele from all such venomous flings, and the good he has done and is now doing in our section should afford a Lethan bath for any fanth he may have. His name in many homes in Richmond county is a synonym for all honor and respect, and it is a fact that all the operatives in the factory, of which he is president, regard him more in the light of a father than a boss. Granting that it is discreet to attack Achilles at all, it is certainly unmanly to aim a shot at his unarmored head.

## BABY BUNTING AGAIN.

One of the greatest literary hits of the season is the story of "Baby Bunting" or, the Alphabet of Love," by Laura Jean Libbey, which is at present being published in the columns of THE NEW YORK FAMILY STORY PAPER. The paper containing the opening chapters of this wonderfully popular romance appeared on the news stands this morning. The tremendous rush for that number by the young ladies of the town shows clearly that the publishers have struck a bonanza. THE FAMILY STORY PAPER is for sale by all newsdealers, or will be sent to any address four months, postage free, for \$1.00. Norman L. Monroe, Publisher, 24 and 26 Vandewater Street, New York.

The Governor offers a reward of \$200 for the capture of William McGinn who murdered Mr. Leroy Elliott in Mecklenburg county on the 3rd inst.

Two passenger trains on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie road collided on Sunday. Two trainmen were killed and many passengers seriously injured.

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