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MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

The Citizens of Rutherfordton, are hereby notified, that an election for Mayor, four Commissioners and Marshal for said Town will be held at the Court House on the 1st Monday in January next.

R. W. LOGAN, MAYOR.
VISITATOR please copy.

The Democratic Party vs Bribery Fraud and Corruption.

There has been a great deal of howling among the Democrats about bribery fraud and corruption, and one would think to read the Editorials that are daily published by the Democratic papers of the State, that the Republican party are responsible for all the corruption and fraud that has been committed, and that they (the Democrats) are as innocent as Angels.

Now the people will remember that we have been fighting the Ring with all our feeble might, for some time, and in doing so we have not taken pains to throw the blame upon any particular party, on the other hand we, as public journalists, have pledged ourselves to the people to expose and denounce corruption, or fraud, no matter from what quarter it comes, and we intend to continue this course without fear of any man or party, believing that it is just to the people. We are sorry to see that the Democratic Editors are taking quite a different course in the matter and in their thirst for power are endeavoring to throw all the responsibility upon the Republican party. Their object is, as it always has been, to deceive, and to make political capital, by throwing the responsibility of their own sins upon others, who are more innocent than themselves.

Now we do not mean to keep our mouths shut and allow the people to be deceived in any such way. All of the fraud, corruption and bribery that has been committed in this State is not attributed alone to Republicans nor to the Republican party; not by far, but we are prepared to prove that there is room for as much, if not more suspicion, to be placed upon leading Democrats in this State.

They will howl about fraud, corruption, BRIBERY, but they are careful not to tell you that there are prominent Democrats in the RING.

It cannot be denied that Geo. W. Swepson, is one of the leading Democrats in this State. Nor can it be denied that the Raleigh Sentinel belongs to him and that Josier Turner, like PIKE of the Standard, is only a hired editor. Then it is true that Swepson is the controlling Democrat in North Carolina. Well taking these facts for granted, let us see what relation the Democrats are to the RING.

Geo. W. Swepson was, until a few weeks past the President of the Western Division of the Western N. C. R. R. The State appropriated about seven million dollars in bonds to this road, and Geo. W. Swepson as President of this Road, received these bonds. Now we want the people to know what has been done with this large amount of bonds, and the poor soldier in the field of battle, half naked and half starved, fighting for the shameful mite of eleven dollars per month. Again we say God pity the people, if these men are to rule the country.

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there is something wrong. It is now a settled fact that this Democratic swindler, Josier's Mas George, has disposed of all his property, pretends to be insolvent. Not worth a red. Does not that look suspicious, when we consider that only a few months past he was looked upon as the wealthiest man in the State and the largest bondholder.

Milton Swindler Littlefield is the successor to Swepson as President of this road, and was elected by the Democrats, Clingman Woodfin and others. Then who is more responsible for the alleged fraud and corruption than the Democrat.

We call upon the people to remember these facts. It is not the Republicans alone that are committing so much fraud but a combination of swindlers, among whom we find the leading Democrat in the State, and the owner of the Sentinel Josier's Mas George W. Swepson.

As to the bribery question all will remember that the only man guilty of taking a bribe in the Legislature was a Democrat, and that he sold his vote for the pitiful sum of twenty dollars.

What room we ask has a Democrat to talk about bribery fraud and corruption?

Christmas.

We wish our patrons a happy Christmas, and New Year, and may they all set out for the year 1870, to do more for the good of the country than ever before.

We do not expect to give our readers another number of the Star for two weeks as our printers like everybody else desire a little time for holiday.

We shall perhaps issue an extra if any news of importance shall come up.

High Taxes--High Salaries.

We hear a great deal of grumbling among the Democrats, about high taxes, high salaries &c., &c.

We tell the people that this is all done for political capital, and that the Democrats are more responsible for the high taxes, than any body else. But suppose our taxes are high, would they be any less so if Democrats had the power? Not a bit of it. What guarantee have we, that if we elect them to office they will reduce our taxes? The old adage says "judge a tree by its fruits." Then let us see what are the fruits of the tree of Democracy. We are only dealing with them financially now, leaving off the war, bloodshed and ruin brought upon the country by secession. Just look back at their confederate taxation a little while, and you will remember that you had to pay a high tax sure enough, on every thing you had from the tin cup and worse than this you had a confederate tything law, that made you pay to the Government, one tenth of everything you made on your farms, one tenth of your corn, bacon, cotton, wool and in fact one tenth of everything you raised or manufactured.

We say if we are to judge by their former tax laws, God pity the people, if the Democrats ever get power again.

Talk about high salaries, when they paid their members to the Legislature, fifty dollars per day, and the poor soldier in the field of battle, half naked and half starved, fighting for the shameful mite of eleven dollars per month. Again we say God pity the people, if these men are to rule the country.

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Why don't you subscribe for the Star, instead of borrowing it from your neighbor?

A Ku Klux Killed.

While in Shelby last week, we made enquiries as to the killing of BUSH PUTMAN, a supposed Ku Klux, and give below the facts as we gathered them from gentlemen in Shelby, and also on the road near the residence of NED McBRAYER a very respectable colored man of Cleveland county, who says he struck the fatal blow.

On Wednesday the 8th inst., NED, as we understand, applied to a Magistrate for a warrant of arrest for several men who he stated had been at his house on the night before (Tuesday), disguised and stated to the magistrate that these men commenced abusing his son who was sleeping upstairs, threatening to whip him, the young man seeing their disguise commenced calling his father below for help, when he (Ned) jumped up and caught up an axe when the Ku Klux commenced crying out shoot him!

When Ned let into them with his axe and said he hit one of them on the head and with the blade cut two of them on the arm, this not being the reception that they had expected, fled, leaving Ned in peaceable possession, with the following trophies which they left in their haste, to wit: two masks, two repeaters, two candles, one hat, and one hat crown.

The Magistrate, we suppose, doubted the story, and refused to grant the warrant; we can't see why he should have thus refused.

On Wednesday night some persons came to Mr. ROBERT PUTMAN'S, father of Bush Putman, and told him that they had brought him his son, badly wounded, and that they were friends, they left without letting themselves be known to Mr. Putman. Drs. — and GIDNEY were sent for, but Putman was too far gone to tell anything about the matter, in fact never spoke. He died during the night or next day, we believe. A jury of inquest was held but we did not get the findings—but will be pleased to publish them if some of our Cleveland friends will send us the findings.

On Saturday night the Ku Klux again attacked Ned, and set his house on fire in two or three places; when Ned commenced using his captured repeaters with such effect as to again cause these midnight assassins and marauders to take to their heels for safety.

We regret that such things shall happen in our State, but can but holler Hurrah for Uncle Ned, the darkey who has killed a Ku Klux, and put to flight a number of the Klan.

We heard of the whipping of a white man of Shelby, by some of the Klan, but if reports are true, he needed it.

We have been very careful in making our statements and think we have given the matter as it was.

THAT COAT.—Well now we have heard men enough say that there has been a fire somewhere that we have been, as no editor could wear so good a coat and pay for it as the one we have on. This may all be true we do not deny that such may be the case, but we have not been at any fire, we came by our coat honestly. That enterprising firm at Charlotte, Messrs. WITTKOWSKY & RINTELS, presented it to us, and we tendered them the most sincere thanks of an editor for the same. It is nothing new for these men, it is almost a daily business with them to make presents to such as need. We could not account for it until we took a peep at their daily sales from which we are convinced that they sell more goods than any concern in North Carolina. Long may they wave. We say again to our friends call on them when you visit Charlotte.

OUR RAILROAD.—The road from Cherryville to Shelby is ready for the iron with the exception of about two and a-half miles of grading, and one small trestle, and the bridge over Buffalo, these are under contract and will be done we learn by the first of February. As yet there has been no arrangements made to get iron, and it is feared will not be soon, on account of the depreciation of State bonds. O, for a man! How our road needs a man, who could do something. Our Charlotte friends that the m. d.

New Advertisements.

We would call attention to the advertisements in this issue of the STAR.

Messrs. ELIAS & COHEN have a splendid assortment of Goods which they are selling low to the trade; they make wholesale a specialty and we advise our merchants to give them a call when visiting Charlotte.

Messrs. B. R. SMITH & CO. announce a full stock of Boots, Shoes, &c., and we are sure that an inspection of their stock will pay.

Messrs. OATES, WALTER BREM & Co., have a full stock of Axes, Hardware, Guns, &c., &c.

See Legal Card of W. M. SHAW, Esq.

Messrs. WITTKOWSKY & RINTELS have a full stock of all kinds of Goods for the wholesale and retail trade. There is no more reliable firm in Charlotte and those who patronize them will be sure to get goods at reasonable figures.

Messrs. E. M. HOLT & Co., keep everything in the Grocery line and at figures as low as the lowest.

Messrs. STENHOUSE, MACALEY & Co., offer to trade Salt at the lowest rates. They buy all kinds of country produce.

Messrs. KILGORE & CRETON announce a full supply of Drugs, Medicines, &c. We looked through their stock and are satisfied that bargains may be had by trading with them.

SEWING MACHINES.—Messrs. MAXWELL & BRADSHAW can accommodate you. See their advertisement.

Mr. J. T. BUTLER will repair your Watches and Clocks, and can sell you a watch or anything in the Jewelry line right. You may "rely on him."

Messrs. WILSON & BLACK keep all kinds of Drugs, Medicines, &c., and take pleasure in recommending their Horse to merchants visiting Charlotte.

THE CHARLOTTE HOTEL is in full blast, with an accommodating Landlords as can be found anywhere. When you go to Charlotte be sure to stop with old friend MATTHEWS and his gentlemanly Son. They will make you feel at home.

FERTILIZERS.—See the advertisement of the Greensboro Nurseries and govern yourselves accordingly. If you want good fruit this is the place to get the trees.

A Word to the Colored Voters

You may think that the election to come off on the 8th of January, for Senator, is of but little importance, but we tell you if you think so, that you are sadly mistaken. No election has been held since the surrender in which you are were more interested as a race, and every colored voter, who has the interest of his race at heart, should be on their guard.

The Democrats are opposed to your voting or holding office, and will do anything in their power to deprive you of those sacred rights, as a proof of this, they introduced a Bill in the Legislature to call a Convention, evidently with the view to changing the Constitution in this, as well as other respects. Such a move would not only deprive you of your liberties, but impose an additional tax upon the people. Remember this colored voters, and every man of you go to the election and vote for a Republican, and against the Democratic Ku Klux Candidate.

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is honest, but he has not the confidence of capitalists, if he had surely he could get iron enough to complete the road to Shelby.



JOSIER TURNER, JR.

K. K. K.

GREAT EXCITEMENT!!

The Daddy of the Ku Klux is Coming!!!

Josier, of the Sentinel, is to speak in this place on Monday the 3rd of January.

Knowing the people of this county would like to see a Ku Klux, and know what kind of an animal he is, we invite one and all to be here on Monday week, as the daddy of the Ku Klux in North Carolina will be here on that day to give a public Exhibition of himself and his Klan.

Democratic Leaders.

We call upon the people to note the fact that the leaders of the Democratic, Ku Klux party in this Senatorial district are same men that deceived them in 1861, about peaceable secession. They held a meeting in this place on Monday last, and nominated G. M. Whiteside, Esq., as their candidate for the Senate. Of Mr. Whiteside, we have nothing to say, he is a good, clever enough kind of fellow, but we cannot agree with him in politics, nor do we think the people will support him, knowing that he belongs to that class of people who are so well known as the original Secessionists, and is equally responsible with the others, for the present deplorable condition of our country.

Among the Leaders in this meeting, we recognized the faces of Dr. L. A. Mills, J. U. Whitesides, Thos. Wilkins, A. B. Long, Abel Hill, J. W. Davis, W. D. Harris, Jefferson Hampton, R. O. Ledbetter, Dr. J. L. Rucker, Nathan Young and A. Lynch, the most notorious rampant Secessionists of this county, and besides these there was F. Cox of Philadelphia, J. C. Mills of Barke, and Dr. J. A. Rague of Yancey, all original Secessionists.

It seems to us as useless to speak of the past record of these men. The people know them, and surely they could not have forgotten their Rebel record.

Do not the people remember the many fair promises made by these same men, to get them to vote for Secession? Have they forgotten the pledges of these men to drink all the blood that would be shed, or wipe it up with a silk handkerchief, and many other like pledges. Have they forgotten the promises these made them, to divide their last bushel of corn and pound of Bacon, with their wives and little ones at home? if they would only volunteer and go to the war. Did they ever carry out any of these fair promises? Did they not on the other hand, refuse to divide their corn and bacon, with your families, unless they would pay them the highest prices for them? and the poor soldier in the war battling hard for them, and only getting the pitiful sum of \$11. per month in Confederate money, but little better than shucks.

We call upon the people to remember how they were treated by these men. We cannot now do but believe that you will allow them to deceive you again after treating you so unjustly.

Where are the friends of the poor soldier's wives, and old gray haired fathers and mothers, whose fingers were placed under the corners of fences, and tortured almost unto death, to make them tell the hiding places of their sons and husbands?

Where are the friends of Dock Hampton and many other poor innocent young men that were murdered in cold blood by the leaders of this bloodthirsty secession party?

We call upon you to wake up another effort is being made by the party to deceive you and again get into power.—Arouse from your quiet slumber, and give them one more token your remembrance of the past by going to the polls in solid columns and voting down their candidate. Let it not be said that you have been deceived again by this band of Ku Klux Secessionists. They are to be trusted no more now than in 1861, for give them power, and they will rule with the rod of despotism and oppression.

Then our advice is to every lover of liberty, go to work, work earnestly and industriously, work early and late, and continue to work until you have given these despots their just rebuke, by placing them out of reach of power.

Let all work and all will be well.

The Railroad Frauds.

The following extract from the Asheville News, a Democratic paper, proves what we have said concerning the connection of the Democrats with Ring to be true.

As we said before GEO. W. SWEPSON is one of the leading Democrats in the State. Now, we ask the people to read what the News says of him, and if they do not agree with us, that he has been swindling the State, and the people on a larger scale than any other man in the State, then we will acknowledge that we are incapable to judge. Remember, that he owns the Sentinel, and is Josier's master.

Read the extract.

Never was a people more infamously swindled and gulled than have been the people of Western North Carolina. It is now nearly a year since the appropriation of \$7,000,000 in State Bonds, was made to the Western Division of the W. N. C. R. R. It is well understood \$3,000,000 of the Bonds were sold months ago at 66 cents on the dollar, yielding \$1,980,000. Where is that money? Not more than \$100,000 have been paid for work on the road, and there is not \$5000 in the Treasury at this time. Who has got the remainder? It should be in the hands of the Treasurer, but it is not. George W. Swepson, the former President, who sold these Bonds resigned his office into the hands of the present President, with the remaining \$2,000,000 of Bonds. Swepson and Littlefield, immediately after the \$3,000,000 of Bonds were sold, purchased by a "little piece of rascality," a railroad in Florida—where the purchase money came from is strongly suspected. The Florida Railroad is incomplete and a bad speculation, unless it is extended, and Swepson has employed a gentleman of our acquaintance in Columbia, S. C., to build that extension. Littlefield, who holds the \$4,000,000 bonds belonging to our road, is also President and part owner of the unprofitable Florida road. As the former President sold \$3,000,000, just before he bought the Florida road, and cannot or will not account for the proceeds, is there not great reason to suspect that the "little piece of rascality" in Florida will turn out to be a great piece of rascality in North Carolina, by selling the remainder of our bonds to finish the Florida road? We consider this a legitimate suspicion, and ask those members of the Legislature who are now opposing the investigation of the alleged railroad bond frauds, if they intend to shut their eyes to the danger until it is too late. Swepson ought to be forced by legal process, to disclose or account for this large amount, immediately, and Littlefield, his accomplice, should be enjoined at once from selling any bonds, and removed from his position as President. The Legislature—those who oppose investigation—say there has been no charges made against these men. We can tell them the people are making charges against them every day and demand an investigation of those charges.

The Rutherford Star is endeavoring to have the world take cognizance of its existence, by getting itself noticed in the Standard. No use; the Star, is too small game for us to shoot. "Shoo, fly, don't bodder us!"—Standard.

We always knew that a coward would not shoot, and especially if he thinks his adversary will return the fire. Just so with the hired editor of the Standard. He shot two or three big guns sometime ago, and said that he would drive the STAR guns to the wall, but behold when the STAR returned the fire, it was not such as the Standard relished, and coward like the editor sneaked into his bum proof, and wouldn't shoot no more.

No, we would not admit the hired editor of the Standard to say anything to our credit if we knew it, or could prevent it, for to be endorsed by the Standard, would be the death of any man before the people.

See the inconsistency of this, the hiring of the Standard says the STAR is "too small game for him to shoot" but shoots two more weak balls at it in the same issue.

The Proper Way to Pay a Debt.

Lower and lower, day by day, sinks the premium of gold, the supply is in excess of the demand, and speculation has been beaten out of the market. For this gold there is no foreign demand; our exports, if of material products, supply already all the needed foreign exchange, and when the new crop of cotton begins to go forward, the supply will be so largely in excess of the current demands to meet maturing debts on importations, that it will take gold from Europe to meet the balance in our favor. In January, the Treasury will also pay out \$25,000,000 in gold interest. During the winter and spring, we shall find that the South has made a cotton crop of 3,000,000 bales, and every bale worth at least \$100. Nearly one half of this cotton will go abroad, netting us nearly, if not quite \$150,000,000. Instead of the billion current setting against us, it promises to be steadily and strongly in our favor.

Resumption may be deferred for a while longer, but it is clear that the day of high gold premium has gone by. Our paper promises to pay are appreciating in value day by day, and will be soon made worth their face, not through any coup de finance, but simply because, day by day, we are gaining in our ability to pay our debts, as we have promised, out of the swelling resources of our material wealth. Nations, like individuals, are made solvent by their earnings and their savings. We are now learning that lesson with the most gratifying success.—Carolinian.

HOMESTEAD FOR MINORS.—IMPORTANT DECISION.—The Asheville Pioneer says that Judge Henry made an important decision on the Circuit just closed, which affects the rights of minors arising under the provisions of the Homestead. The point arose on the application of Lewis, administrator, to the Court for leave to set aside to pay the debts of his intestate, Elney, deceased. It appears that the deceased died during the war, and that owing to stay laws military orders, &c., the administrator had not yet been able to close up the estate. To his application the heirs at law responded, alleging that one of their number had not yet attained his majority, and praying to be allowed under the provisions of the Constitution to have the Homestead exemption laid off according to law. His Honor, held that they were so entitled, on the broad principle that the laws were enacted for the benefit of the "helpless" ones,—widows and minors. We understand that in the opinion of the leading members of the bar concurred.

The Washington correspondence of the New York Herald in his dispatches on Tuesday, says:

The Committee of Elections have agreed upon a bill which provides that the day for holding elections for members of Congress shall be uniform throughout all the States. As it will require some change in the laws of several of the States to conform to this act the bill provides that it shall not take effect until the first Tuesday in September, next. This bill has two objects—first, to insure a full representation of all the States at the organization of each new Congress on 4th of March; second, to prevent persons from moving from one State to another to colonize. It is thought that having the Congressional elections going on in all the States on the same day every district will find enough to do at home without going to help their neighbors.

BRIDGE BETWEEN ENGLAND AND FRANCE.—M. BOUTET, the celebrated French Engineer, has proposed the following plan for a bridge to connect England and France. It to reach from Dover to Cape Blancmes on the opposite coast. There are to be piers sunk in the straight at distances of two miles apart, between which the huge suspension wires are to be stretched. The maximum depth of the straight is only three hundred feet, and from this point, both North or South, it averages about one hundred and fifty feet. The bridge is to be constructed of strength sufficient to stand to the most violent shock of one of the stormiest seas in the world, and to support twelve loaded trains at a time between the piers. Its estimated cost is fifty million dollars.—Wilmington Journal.

Masonic.

At a meeting of Western Star Lodge No. 91, F. A. M., on Monday night, Dec. 15th the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the ladies of Rutherfordton, for their kindness in preparing the regalia for this Lodge.

Resolved, That the village papers be requested to publish the above.

Mrs. Stanton does not think that the rolling-places would be improper resorts for women, because women "go everywhere" with men, and don't get damaged.

MARRIED.

On 23d Nov. by A. W. Haynes Esq., Mr. BAXTER JAMES to Miss MARY ADAIR, all of this County.

On the evening of the 21st inst., by Rev. Solomon Pool, President of the University, of North Carolina Mr. GEORGE D. POOL of Elizabeth City to Miss HATTIE E. PEARSON of Burke County N. C.

At the residence of Mr. Henry Gibbs, by N. E. Hampton, Esq., Mr. ASA BAILEY, to Miss EMILY J. HIDER.

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