

THE VIDETTE.

TROY, N. C., APRIL 12, 1888.

Judge Avery.

To show how this gentleman is appreciated because of his worth as regards ability, thorough qualification and merit for a place on our state ticket for one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, we clip from a letter by Hon. W. R. Cox to the Raleigh News and Observer, of the 5th instant. Gen. Cox says.

"In this connection permit me to say a word in behalf of two gentlemen who have been prominently mentioned in connection with our State ticket.

"In 1875, when the Constitutional Convention met which was to take our State from under carpet-bag rule and return it to the control of the white race, these gentlemen did more than any two others to convert our Democratic minority into the controlling element of that body. But for the co-operation of Dr. Ransom, an Independent Republican, the sad continuance of misrule and embezzlement of public moneys in the East with which our State was then afflicted, might have been indefinitely prolonged. It was mainly through the efforts of Gen. Roberts and Maj. Avery that the cooperation of Dr. Ransom was secured, which gave us the organization of that remarkable body.

"Nor is this their only claim to our support. General Roberts entered the Confederate army a beardless youth, a private soldier, and by his conspicuous gallantry and control of men at the close of the war wore a general's wreath upon his collar. He has made a very good Auditor for two terms, which shows his qualifications for further services. If our government is to be conducted on business principles, and not for the gratification of personal ambition, he is entitled to a renomination.

Judge Avery is now on the Superior Court bench, where his qualifications for the higher position has been thoroughly demonstrated. He, too, was an admirable soldier, but, being on the staff, his promotion was not so marked."

We heartily endorse the above and think our party cannot do better than to honor the man, who in this instance, is eminently worthy of a place on our Supreme Court bench.

The Jury System.

Our fathers' idea of a free independent government when they laid the foundation stones of this republic was a correct one. Before they unfurled the flag of liberty to the breezes they prepared a strong staff to support it. This is truly "a government of the people for the people and by the people." No supreme despot sits crowned upon a marble throne to rule a dependent people with an iron rod, or to grind poor cowardly subjects into powder with a merciless iron heel. We boast of our liberty, we preach up our freedom to the world. America, the land of freedom's birth! The old earth never spun around the sun loaded with a freer and wiser population than we can boast of to-day. This is all true and tenfold more. The politician upon the stump with a voice of thunder in lengthy ear-splitting, hair-raising (?) harangue can tell us of the glory pomp and splendor of the stars and stripes. Yes, it is a subject highly worthy of the pen of a poet, and the tongue of an orator. But no invention of the human mind is without error. In this country every man who violates the law is tried by his countrymen who know how to sympathize with humanity. It is a beautiful system. Twelve men are drawn in an impartial manner, to sit and try the criminal. If justice could be awarded by human hands it seems that this jury system would most assuredly give it. When the system was first instituted no doubt it did.

The jury does not every time "sit together, hear the evidence and render their verdict accordingly." Mens' prejudices, likes and dislikes have a great deal of influence over them, and it is not every time they can try their countrymen impartially.

The Asheboro Courier says that a Randolph man in splitting a large white oak tree on his place one day recently, found a pocket knife right in the center of it.

In New Hanover county the engineer of a locomotive which killed a man has been indicted for manslaughter.—Ex.

Public Roads.

Perhaps we should not complain. Some one may take offense at our complaint. We hope not. It should be the object of a county newspaper to look after public interests and encourage public enterprises. If this is not our duty we are ignorant and totally ignorant of what our duty is.

The public roads of Montgomery county during the past winter have been desperate, the worst it has ever been our sad misfortune to travel. Some of them in places have been almost impassible. It is not necessarily thus. They could be made better. The blame for such a bad state of affairs must rest somewhere. Let him wear the cap whom the cap fits.

We are opposed to the present mode of working public roads, but as we have the present system we must work under it. We think the fault is with the overseers of these bad roads. Overseers should see to it that the roads under their supervision are worked well. Simply throwing a few pine twigs in a mud hole, and pitching a spoonfull of dirt on that is not working a road. All such work is destroyed by the first shower of rain. Public roads should be worked carefully, and well, and not struck at. They are the avenues of conveyance. These roads are the only source of transportation we have. It will be better for the farming classes, and the traveling public, and will be much more pleasant for visitors to have good public roads.

C. C. Wade, Esq. handed us a circular letter, and some blank petitions which are being circulated by Alex J. Wedderburn, Secretary of the Legislative Committee, Va. State Grange.

The letter is addressed to "Farmers and Patrons;" one clause of it will explain its purpose; it reads as follows:

"The Chicago Cattle ring is here in Washington, with paid lobbyists, masquerading as the friends of Agriculture, and demanding the adoption of a bill known as the 'Palmer Bill,' which if it becomes a law takes the entire control of the Animal Industry from the Department of Agriculture, and places it under the management of a Board, a majority of which are to be cattle growers under the influence of the Chicago ring, with plenary power and practically puts the Bureau outside of your Department."

The blank petitions are to be filled by the farmers and sent to our representatives in Congress.

Congressional Summary.

In the Senate on the 26th ult. Blair's bill, to give preference to disabled Confederate soldiers, as between men who had been disloyal, in appointments to civil office, came up on the question of its second reading, and speeches were made in favor by Mr. Riddleberger, of Virginia, and Mr. Blair. Mr. Edmunds opposed it and expressed the hope that the Senate would take no further step with the bill.

The House passed the Military Academy appropriation bill.

In the Senate on the 27th ult. the committee on territories reported unanimously against the admission of the Territory of Utah as a State, and the Senate bill appropriating \$175,000 for a public building at Charlotte, N. C., was passed.

Both Houses passed the bill appropriating \$5,000 to defray the funeral expenses of Chief Justice Waite.

In the Senate on the 29th Mr. Berry, of Kansas, made a speech in favor of the tariff revision. The Senate passed 61 bills, among them one appropriating \$20,000 to complete the monument at Fredericksburg, Va., to Mary, the mother of Washington.

The House, in committee of the whole, considered the Indian appropriation bill, and Mr. Nelson, Republican, of Minnesota, took

advantage of the general debate to deliver a very strong speech in favor of tariff reform, which was warmly applauded on the Democratic side.

The House, after debate, passed bills granting pensions for \$2,000 a year to the widows of Gen. John A. Logan and Frank P. Blair. This bill gave rise to a vigorous debate. Mr. Tarsney, Democrat, of Michigan, said that this pension business is going too far. He contended that the Hancock pension bill could not be cited as a precedent for the bill granting a pension to Mrs. Logan. Hancock was a soldier when he died; Logan was not. It was about time to call a halt when Congress was asked to pay a pension to the widow of a United States Senator.

There was nothing of interest in the proceedings of either house on the 31st. Mr. Evarts, from the Senate library committee reported favorably a bill appropriating \$20,000 for the purchase of a sword of Washington which is now in the possession of Miss Virginia Lewis Taylor.

In the House, Mr. Mills, from the committee on ways and means introduced the tariff bill, and Mr. McMillin, of the committee, gave notice that he would undertake to call it up for consideration on the 17th. Mr. McKinley substituted a minority report. The House refused to suspend the rules and pass a joint resolution offered by Mr. Crane, of Texas, proposing a constitutional amendment changing the time for the annual meeting of Congress. Mr. McClammy introduced a bill proposing to reward the discoverer of a remedy for hog cholera.

Democratic County Convention.

The Democratic Convention for the county of Montgomery will be held at the Court House, in Troy, on Saturday the 26th day of May, 1888, and will be called to order at 12 o'clock, M. The purpose of the Convention is to select delegates to the State Convention at Raleigh, May 30th, and to the Congressional Convention of the 7th District at Salisbury June 22. All the Democrats of the county are requested to meet in Convention in their respective townships or election precincts, at their several voting places on Saturday, May 19th, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing their delegates to the County Convention and an Executive Committee, to consist of five active working Democratic voters of the several townships or election precincts. It is suggested that the several township Executive Committees convene at the meeting of the County Convention for the purpose of electing a new County Executive Committee and a more thorough organization for the coming campaign. Let true men and good Democrats attend the township and County Conventions and men of character, integrity and recognized fitness, will be nominated, and success sure.

J. R. BLAIR, Chairman, W. R. HARRIS, Secretary. Dem. Ex. Com.

"Not Guilty."

After a long and exciting trial of the Stone-Hearn libel case the jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty," last Saturday evening.

The counsel for the prosecution were Solicitor T. M. Argo, Fuller and Snow, Pace, Holding and Heck, and A. M. Lewis and Son. And for the defendant, J. A. Lockhart, Battle and Mordecai, Reed, Busbee and Busbee, and Peele and Maynard.

There are yet two more litigations by Mr. Stone in connection with the same matter, and which are to be tried at the next term of Wake Superior Court, the present term having expired last Saturday night. The first is a suit for \$10,000 damages against Mr. Hearn, and the second a suit for damages against Mr. A. B. Gillespie, editor of the Statesville Mail, for copying the libellous articles.

The Weekly Evening Post.

THE NEW YORK EVENING POST will begin, on the third of May, to issue a WEEKLY EDITION, having for its principal aim the promotion of Revenue Reform, which has become the paramount issue in national politics. The existence of an actual surplus in the Treasury estimated to reach \$140,000,000 on the 30th of June, 1888, and the

further increase thereof under present laws, are a menace to all business interests, and a direct incentive to wastefulness and corruption in the appropriations of public money. The attention of the people having been strongly drawn to this subject by the President in his last annual message, the need of information and popular enlightenment on questions of revenue and taxation has been increasingly felt in all parts of the country.

It is the intention of the management to make a first-class weekly newspaper of 12 pages. Subscription price \$1 per year. A free copy of the first number will be mailed anywhere on request. Send address on a postal card to THE EVENING POST, New York.

Spirit of the Press.

The issue in national politics in the approaching campaign will be the same that has been fought over for the past quarter of a century. The Democratic party believes that the war of twenty-five years ago has been fought and ended. It believes that the men who fought so gallantly and against such fearful odds under the flag of the Confederacy, are citizens of the United States and are entitled to receive the same consideration and have an equal share of the labor and responsibility of the government as those who fought under the "Stars and stripes." The Republican party believe not this. It believes that the people of the South should be treated as traitors and denied—if not by law—a damnable public sentiment—all participation in the affairs of the government. That the Republican party is resolved to force contest in the approaching campaign to be fought out on the "bloody shirt" issue is too clear to be mistaken.—Wilson Advance.

"There shall not be any partisan or sectarian test for membership," is the language of our Constitution. We will labor for the education of the agricultural classes in the science of economical government in a strictly non-partisan spirit, is the first clause of our Declaration of Principles. The Alliance does not propose, as an organization, to deal in partisan politics. It cannot engage practically in party politics. When a member enters its door, he leaves his party banner, for the time being, on the outside. No member can demand of a brother that he vote for or against men or measures because he is a member of the Alliance. His most perfect freedom to exercise his political rights according to his judgement is in no manner abridged by his obligation as an Alliance man.—Progressive Farmer.

The following letter explains itself:

Mocksville, Davie county, N. C., April 3, 1888.

MY DEAR SIR: The partiality expressed by yourself and other friends for me for the nomination for Governor is most gratifying. Our State, after having sustained the heavy losses of the war and the trying horrors of reconstruction, has in the last few years been recuperating and is now on the threshold of great and enduring prosperity. That our progress may be uninterrupted I am profoundly convinced that the government of the State should remain in the hands of those who redeemed it from degradation and confusion of 1868-'70, and who have given us a pure and honest administration of public affairs.

To this end the utmost harmony is essential, for we have had too many instances of heated contests for a nomination resulting in a weakening of party ties to risk another. In the overwhelming necessity to the public welfare of Democratic success, the personal aspirations of candidates and the partiality of friends should weigh as nothing in the scales. The object we should set before us is the good of the whole people of a great State and not to honor an individual. To whatever extent the withdrawal of my name from the consideration of the convention may harmonize its deliberations and simplify its choice, I feel that under existing circumstances it should be done. I therefore wish to say to my friends through you that I have no desire that at the convention which shall assemble in Raleigh, on May 30 my name shall be presented in the number of those from whom a candidate for Governor shall be chosen.

I shall always retain a most grateful recollection of the kind preferences expressed for me by yourself and so many others, and especially of those in my native county of Halifax.

Most sincerely yours, WALTER CLARK. To Dr. W. R. Wood, Scotland Neck, N. C.

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Administrators Sale OF VALUABLE LAND!

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Montgomery County, in the proceedings entitled D. D. DeBerry, adm'r. of Benj DeBerry, dec'd, vs. W. H. D. Green and others, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder at the Court House door in the town of Troy, on Monday, the 23rd day of April, 1888, a valuable tract of land containing 250 Acres, Situated in the County of Montgomery, adjoining the lands of J. E. Parker, Morris & Co., and others. These lands are covered with round pine, and the soil is adapted to agricultural purposes after the timber is used, and held to be one of the most valuable tracts of round timber pine land in the State. Parties desiring to see said lands can call on D. D. DeBerry, at Wadeville, N. C. Terms of sale: One half cash, balance on a credit of six months; bond with approved security for the deferred payment, and title retained till purchase money paid in full. D. D. DeBerry, Adm'r & Com'r. March 19th, 1888.

VALUABLE Land For Sale.

By virtue of an order of sale granted by the Superior Court of Randolph County on the petition of Wm. Barrow and wife, E. L. Barney and others ex parte, on

TUESDAY MAY 1st '88 at 12 M., on the premises, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder a TRACT OF LAND in Browe Township, in said county and State of N. C., lying on the waters of Deep River, containing 2 7/8 acres, and known as the JOSEPH POOL LANDS. This is a

Very desirable Farm, much of it being low lands under cultivation, and much of it well timbered. It is adapted to the growth of cotton and the cereals. The undersigned, on Wednesday, May 2nd 1888, at 12 o'clock M., at the Court House door in Troy, Montgomery County, will sell in like manner

850 ACRES OF LAND, situated about 4 miles North-west of Troy on the Steed Road. These lands are heavily timbered with Long Leaf Pine, and are rich in mineral possibilities. The undersigned, on Thursday, May 2d 1888, at 12 o'clock M., at the Burney Mills, in Randolph County, will also sell in like manner

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THE BURNEY MILLS. These lands are the finest farming lands in this section of the State, and are in the rich belt of Gold, and other minerals for which Randolph and Montgomery have become noted. There is good evidence these lands contain rich deposits of metals undeveloped. The mills and site are very valuable.

Information as to titles will be furnished by the following attorneys: M. S. Robins, Asheboro, N. C.; B. B. Kerner, Winston, N. C. Correspondence solicited. TERMS: One-third cash, the remaining two-thirds on a credit of six months, the purchaser giving bond and approved security therefor, and the title reserved till the further order of the Court.

J. M. Worth, G. S. Bradshaw, Com's. This the 28th day of March 1888.

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NOTICE! By virtue of a Mortgage Deed Executed by William Thomas and wife M. J. Thomas to A. J. Cochran on the 1st day of January, 1887, and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Montgomery County, in Book H, page 297, on the 23 day of May, 1887, and assigned to Mary H. Cochran on the 1st day of March, 1888, The undersigned will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door in Troy, on the 16th day of April, 1888, 200 acres of land, more or less, lying and in the County of Montgomery, on the waters of Barnes Creek, adjoining the lands of William Strider and others, this March 15th, 1888. MARY H. COCHRAN, Ass't.

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