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**"Pete Whetstone" on the Situation.**

CARMEI, N. C.,  
Oct. 24th, 1888.  
Mr. Editor: If you will allow me space in your columns for a word or two, I will begin by saying,—  
Hurrah! brethren, we will put them through!  
Cleveland, Fowle and Lassiter, too; Leach and Rush, we'll not forget—The smartest men Montgomery's met—Dr. Douglass, shrewd and smart, Cut up "Spike" on the start. Long lays claim to an interest, too, But James LeGrand is the man for you; And, if there is else we expect to greet, 'Tis L. M. Russell's sad defeat. With Hurrah! Brethren, Hurrah! Respectfully yours,  
PETE WHETSTONE.

**WASHINGTON LETTER.**

From Our Regular Correspondence.  
Speaker Carlisle, as he dropped the gravel which declared the House adjourned sine die, wore a smile of triumph that spoke louder than words to his Democratic colleagues; it told them of the victory which the House had won over the Senate, in compelling the latter body to take the initiative in passing a resolution for adjournment after its Republican members had repeatedly stated that unless the House started it there would be no adjournment at all. It has been a long session—the longest by eighteen days in our history, but the Democrats have a right to feel proud of the work they have accomplished in the House. The Mills tariff bill of itself is well worth all the time that this long session has consumed. Members of the Senate, particularly of its majority, cannot feel pride in the work accomplished by that body; it produced an alleged substitute for the Mills bill, which it did not dare to pass, although the opportunity was accorded them on the day it was first reported by the Democratic Senators, who proposed that the debate should be limited to ten days. The Republicans refused to allow the debate to be limited. Why? Because they did not wish the monstrosity they had reported, to pass; it was like the tin torch and painted transparency, only gotten up for campaign purposes.  
The quietness with which the adjournment was accomplished was unusual. There was not a score of members in either House when the gravel fell, and the only notable occurrence was the singing of the Doxology in the press gallery of the House, by the tired newspaper men, immediately after Speaker Carlisle announced the adjournment. This action was not intended to be irreverent, but was rather in the nature of a spontaneous rendering of sincere thanks for a much needed rest after eleven months of continuous work.  
Senator Blackburn, just before the Senate adjourned, presented the minority report of the committee appointed to investigate the alleged violation of the civil service law. The report declares that an effort had persistently been made by the majority against the protest of the minority, to limit the inquiry to the time covered by the present administration, and that all efforts to bring out the facts as to the operations of the law under previous Republican administrations, were invariably denied by the strict party vote. Despite the efforts of the majority, it was clearly shown by the testimony of several of their witnesses, that all the evils and abuses complained of to-day, came down to this administration as an inheritance. The levying of assessments upon Government officials for partisan purposes, was in general, if not universal, practice prior to March, 1885, and discrimination in the matter of appointments because of political views was by no means a novel feature, nor one which has been introduced by the present administration. The report devotes more than fifty pages to a careful analysis of the testimony taken which shows the majority of the committee up in a manner that will not add to their reputation as statesmen.  
The last bill introduced in Congress was one providing for a Constitutional amendment, requiring United States Senators to be elected by a direct vote of the people.  
Mr. Cleveland has consented to go to N. York city and review the mammoth business men's Cleveland, Thurman and Hill parade next Saturday evening. This action should put a quietus upon all the absurd rumors as to the President not being in sympathy with the re-election of Governor Hill. They are both Democrats, and good ones, too. And they will both be elected.  
The sixty Sioux Chiefs who have been here, have rejected every proposition made to them by the Government. They insist on being paid \$1.25 an acre for all their land, which Secretary Vilas thinks is preposterous. The Indians have started back to their reservation.  
Speaker Carlisle is booked for one speech in Ohio and half a dozen in Indiana.  
Unusual efforts are being made here to send every Democratic voter in the doubtful States, who is temporarily residing in Washington, home to vote. Those who cannot afford to purchase railroad tickets are furnished free transportation.  
The annual report of the General Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, shows that the service is in operation on 143,713 miles of railroad, and 5,972 miles of inland steamboat routes. The total number of clerks in the service is 5,094.  
An analysis of the Senate tariff bill just completed, shows that if enacted into a law, it would reduce the revenues of the Government on the dutiable list less than \$15,000,000.

**THAT GREAT SPEECH.**

Progressive Farmer.  
Senator Vance has always proved himself equal to every occasion. He is a grand man. He is the superb leader and loyal friend of the people. He has convictions and the honesty and manliness to express them whenever and wherever necessary. We wish we could give his great speech to the farmers on last Tuesday, in full. We heard scores of members of the Alliance say "it was the grandest Alliance speech I ever heard." He confined himself chiefly to the social and financial aspects of the subject of agriculture, dwelling at length on the absolute and imperative necessity for organization and co-operation among the farmers. Spoke of their herculean power if they would only co-operate.  
"The Senator said he was often reminded of the circus elephant

he used to see when a boy, which was led around by a man on a pony, which in comparison with the size of the elephant looked a mole-hill beside a mountain. He had often thought how easy it would be for the elephant to take horse and rider in his snout and sling them into the middle of Kingdom-Come" and had sometimes wished that the elephant would do it. But more than that had he wished that the farmers of this country would rise up in their might and throttle the monster elephant of oppression which was grinding them down. Yet the farmer followed on, goaded by trusts, monopolies and combinations, whose yoke they could throw off if they only knew it. They granted and stood it, instead of rising in their might and correcting the evils. He mentioned that all other industries were organized for their own protection. The manufacturers were organized, the traders were organized, labor was organized; all were organized except agriculture.  
When people wanted to plunder, there had to be somebody to plunder. The different classes of people were trying to plunder somebody, and they were all trying to plunder the farmer. And they did so very successfully. They all did it either directly or indirectly. When he was a boy there were but two millionaires in this country, Aster and Stephen Girard; to day no man who can't draw his check for a million is respectable across Mason's and Dixon's line. In New York is one man who is said to be worth more than all the taxable property in North Carolina—Jay Gould. All was made one way or another out of the farmers of this country.  
The Senator pictured how everything was run in the interest of corporations and trusts. They controlled legislation. The lobbies of the national legislative halls at Washington were constantly full to overflow with their representatives and had been ever since he had been at Washington. The farmers should organize, and do as others do to protect themselves. Their voice should be heard and heeded.  
The Senator closed with a peroration. "Down," he said, "with class legislation and all laws which take the benefits from the many and confer them upon the few." "Down with unjust laws which impoverish the masses and enrich those already wealthy."

**State Fair Platform.**

The recent State Convention of the Democratic party adopted the following platform.  
We again congratulate the people of North Carolina on the continued enjoyment of peace, good government and general prosperity under Democratic administration of the affairs of the State which has now been unbroken for so many years; upon the just and impartial enforcement of the law; upon the increasing efficiency of our common school system, and the progress made in popular education; upon the improvement and enterprise manifested in all parts of the State. We again challenge a comparison between this State of things and the outrages, crimes and scandals which attend Republican ascendancy in our borders. We pledge ourselves to exert in the future as in the past our best efforts to promote the best interests of the people of all sections of the State. Affirming our adherence to Democratic principles as heretofore enunciated in the platform of the party, it is hereby  
Resolved, That no government has the right to burden its people

with taxes beyond the amount required to pay its necessary expenses and gradually extinguish its public debt; and that wherever the revenues, however derived, exceed this amount, they should be reduced, so as to avoid a surplus in the treasury. \* \* \* must be trusted to adjust, we think the customs duties should be levied for the production of public revenue, and the discriminations in their adjustment should be such as will place the highest rates on luxuries and the lowest on the necessities of life, distribute as equally as possible the unavoidable burdens of taxation, and confer the greatest good on the greatest number.  
Resolved, That we, as heretofore, favor, and will never cease to demand, the unconditional abolition of the whole internal revenue system, as a war tax, not to be justified in times of peace; as a grievous burden to our people and a source of annoyance in its practical operations. We call the attention of the people of the State to the hypocritical pretension of the Republican party in their platform that they are in favor of the repeal of this onerous system of taxation, enacted by their party, while the Republicans in Congress are taxing their energies to obstruct all legislation inaugurated by the representatives of the Democratic party to relieve the people of all or a part of this odious system.  
Resolved, That the course of the Democratic party, in furtherance of popular education, is a sufficient guaranty that we favor the education of the people, and we will promote and improve the present educational advantages so far as it can be done without burdening the people by excessive taxation.  
Resolved, That to meet an existing evil, we will accept, for educational purposes, from the Federal government, our pro rata share of the surplus in its treasury; provided, that it be disbursed through State agents and the bill for the distribution be free from objectionable features.  
Resolved, That the United States being one government and ours a national party, we denounce the efforts of the Republicans to force sectional issues in Congress and elsewhere, and to promote dissension and ill-will between the people of the different sections of our common country.  
Resolved, That it is due to the people of eastern counties, who have so cheerfully borne their share of our common burdens, that the present or some equally effective system of county government shall be maintained.  
Resolved, That the Democratic party is opposed to any further extension of the "No-tence" law, unless such extension shall have first been authorized by a majority of the qualified voters within the territory to be affected thereby.  
Resolved, That the Democratic party has ever been the party of the workingman, and has never fostered monopolies, nor have "trusts" or "combinations" or "pools" ever grown up under laws enacted by it. The contest in this country being between aggregated capital, seeking to crush out all competition, and the individual laborer, the Democratic party is, as it has ever been, against the monopolist and in favor of a just distribution of capital, and demands the enactment of laws that will bear equally upon all.  
Resolved, That as all taxation bears most heavily upon the laborer, it is the duty of every legislator, as a direct benefit to the workingman, to keep the expenses of our public institutions at the lowest limit consistent with wise and efficient management. The Democratic party opposes any competition between free and convict labor, but it insists that convicts shall not remain idle at the expense of honest labor.  
Resolved, That ours being an agricultural State, it is our duty as well as our pleasure to promote any and all legislation that is best calculated to advance the interests of agriculture; and that in so doing we will most effectually advance the interests of mechanics, manufacturers and laborers.  
Resolved, That the Democracy of North Carolina, cordially approve the administration of Hon. Alfred M. Scales as honest, patriotic and conservative.

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—Cleveland's letter of acceptance.

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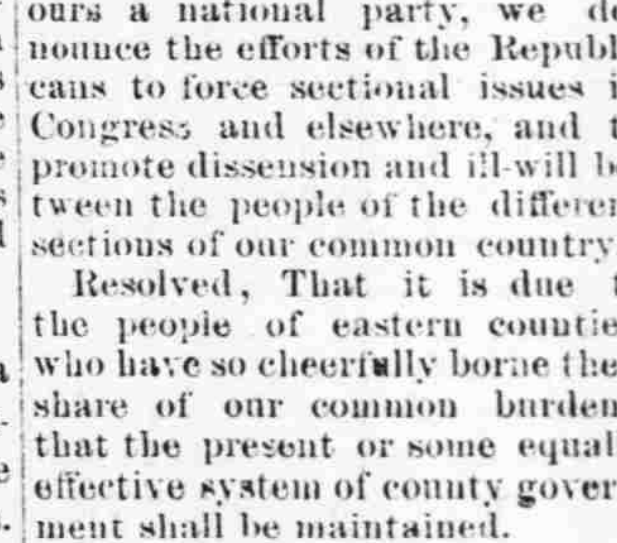
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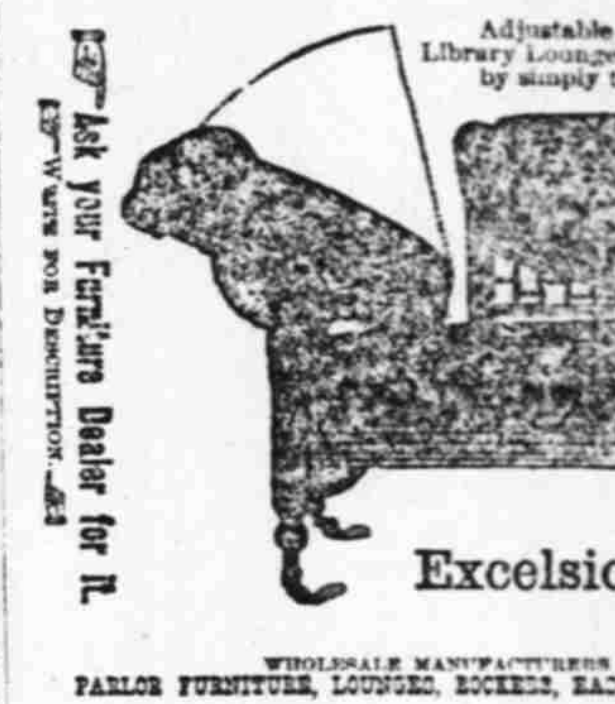
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