TARIFF FORUM.

EXTRACTS FROM E. L. SHUFORD'S CONOVER SPEECH.

Grover Cleveland had been President for three and a half years before he visited Catawba county. During that period he had reviewed the whole line of National Democracy from Ocean to Ocean, from the Lakes to the Gulf, but on reaching Catawba he gave us his hand, saying, "I understand this is the Banner County." [Applause.] There are no truer Democrats grown than are raised right here in Catawba—not grades, but thoroughbreds, registered—to vote. The Banner County stands to-day proud of the past, faithful to the present, full of hopeful determination for the future. * * The American people, and especially the Southern people, love a brave man, a man with a backbone—Grover has shown himself to be a man with a backbone as big as a stovepipe. * * Grover Cleveland believes in God and believes in the people, and I believe as he does and believe in Cleveland too. He led his party to victory (paralyzing old Blaine) with the grandest motto that ever a leader wrote on his banner—Tell the truth. He has torn away the veil and exposed the inequalities and injustice of "Protection," and faithful to his motto, he told the truth. * * The nomination of that noble Old Roman, Allen G. Thurman, clearly demonstrates that the face of Democracy is turned toward the sunrise of victory. * * The platform is all right just as are both of the candidates, taken together they can't be beaten. The Democrat who can't vote that ticket and stand on that platform out to move out of the country. * * I hear that Ben Harrison is honest, but so is William Vanderbilt. Maybe he is upright, but so is many an English duke. I grant that he is shrewd, but so is a Wall Street banker; that he is respectable, but so is the high salaried manager of many an insurance company. But we want for President now in this contest with the millionaires, a man as incorruptible as Washington, a man with the iron will and the iron nerve of Andrew Jackson, a man whose honesty, shrewdness and sympathies are enlisted in behalf of the farmer, in behalf of the people, and not in behalf of the so-called legal rights of thousands of factory lords and kings. * * The power back of the President is not partisan cunning, nor is it anything that arises out of political combination. The power behind Grover Cleveland is public sentiment. It will be resistless. * * Cleveland says that the receipts and expenditures of this Government shall balance at the end of every year; that unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation; that the right place for a dollar, that is not needed by the Government is in the pockets of the people. The proper place for a dollar that the monopolist is not entitled to is in your pockets as consumers. * * The Mills Bill reduces taxation seventy-eight millions annually. The tax on sugar is reduced twelve millions, the tax on woollen goods nearly twelve millions—twenty-four millions of reduction on two items alone. Salt is placed on the free list, now taxed 85 per cent. More than 133 necessaries of life are placed on the free list, where they ought to be. The Republicans even objected to untaxing bristles, hog bristles—holding up their hands, declaring that it would ruin some manufacturer. Until I heard that, I was ignorant of bristle manufactories—thought they grew on hogs' backs. But I tell you, my friends, after the 6th of November, you will find them growing on Radicals' backs. [Laughter and applause.]

* * The surplus is here, and the trusts are here, but the surplus and trust era has passed. We are on the threshold of a new era, an era in which we shall see fewer millionaires, but see instead greater prosperity more evenly distributed thro'out the land. * * Of all the governments in the world this is the one which has revenue enough and a vast surplus besides. When the Government by excessive exactions takes from the people of their earnings ten millions per month that it does not need, and cannot legitimately spend, and keeps this up from month to month, from year to year, it becomes insupportable. * * We want more money. Increase the circulation, all prices then rise and all property increases in value. But when prices are falling, money is scarce. That means that the people are poor and they stop buying. The merchant stops selling, the factory stops making, the workman stops working. * * These monopolists have one half of the entire circulation in their coffers. But the Democratic party says stop robbing the people of ten hundred millions annually in subsidies. * * When the war tariff system was adopted there was an income tax which taxed doctors and lawyers and manufacturers alike on their yearly incomes to the extent of 5 per cent., but in 1871 the Radical party took off this tax, and the actual burden of taxation was left to be borne by the laboring classes.

The farmer is taxed from the time he is born, from the soul of his foot to the crown of his head, till he dies. Even the sunlight of heaven passes into his dwelling through window-panes taxed 59 per cent. This tax is omnipresent—no, I beg pardon, the euchre deck is on the free list. [Laughter.] * * Protects us from cheap goods—can there be a queerer idea? Should we not think that even a dog had lost his senses that snapped and snarled when given a bone and wagged his tail when the bone was taken from him. If they wanted to protect us from rats, lice, mad-dogs, and negro rule—things of which all white men want just as little of as possible—their policy would conform to reason. [Applause.]

* * But I hear that protection increases wages. Senator Baily says a New York employer asked his Irish workman the other day, "Pat, who are you going to vote for?" "For Cleveland," replied the workman. "But don't you know, Pat," said the manufacturer, "that if Cleveland is elected, it will cause your wages to be reduced?" "Oh, no," replied the quick-witted Irishman, "that is too thin. If Cleveland's election reduced my wages you would vote for him yourself." [Laughter.] You all know that the factory imports cheap labor free of duty, cuts down the laborer's wages by competition, adds the amount of the tariff to the cost of the article, and pockets the profits. You and I must pay their price because the same article made elsewhere is excluded by this tariff tax. You have no choice but to pay the tax or go without the goods. * * The naked truth of the Democratic position in this campaign is that every man with Democratic convictions holds it as his chief duty never to cease fighting class legislation as long as there is a vestige of it in the laws; never to cease demanding for "Tax Reform" until the Government ceases to levy, whether it collects or leaves others to collect, a dollar that is not required by Government for Government, for the greatest good to the greatest number, without wrong to one—the poorest widow, the most friendless orphan, the most miserable outcast among the 60,000,000 people.

* * This is your fight. It is a fight of the people against monopoly and oppression in the Nation and against negro rule in North Carolina. The war is over, the white man still rules in the South, thank God and the Democratic party. But the war taxes must be reduced. Vote the Democratic ticket from top to bottom every time. Join the great crusade against high taxation led by Grover Cleveland and Allen G. Thurman. [Great applause.]

Envelopes, Papers etc.,
44-3t at Royster's Drug Store.

LOCAL NEWS.

A Prominent Man Gone.

Col. John F. Hoke returned home from Shelby last Saturday morning, and while standing on his porch, watching the Democratic procession, threw up his hands and fell to the floor a dead man, from heart disease, of which a brother and sister have died before him. Col. Hoke has a history that connot be condensed into a newspaper notice. The writer first knew him in the State Senate in 1863, since which time esteem has hightened as acquaintance grew more extended. He was born May 30th 1820, and graduated at Chapel Hill in 1841 in a class with Govenor J. W. Ellis, and Gen. Frank P. Blair. He read law under Judge Pearson and was one of the most prominent and successful lawyers of this section. In 1847 he was appointed captain in the 12th Regt. U. S. Infantry by President Polk, and went to Mexico the same year. In 1860 he was appointed Adjutant General of the N. C. troops, and in 1861 he organized and sent to Virginia fourteen regiments. In July, 1861 he was elected Colonel of the 23d Regiment, North Carolina troops. He remained with his regiment until the reorganization of the troops in 1862, when he declined a re-election. In 1863 he was elected to the Senate from Lincoln, Gaston and Catawba counties. Afterward he commanded a regiment of senior reserves until the war closed.

During those times which "tried mens soals," Col. Hoke nere forgot the vein of human which provided his whole nation.

When he was stationed at Greensboro with a regiment of senior reserves he drew a peculiar requisition on the quartermaster, as follows:

"Headquarters 21 Reg. Senior Reserves, Camp near, Greensboro.

"Major: I require for the use of his command 600 pairs of spectales and cases; 350 bottles of Radway's Ready Relief, and 400 walking canes.

"J. F. HOKE,
"Col. Commanding."

The order found its way to Raleigh and Richmond, but never reached President Davis.

Col. Hoke was a patriot in every sense of the word. He was entertaining in manner, kind in disposition, fair in argument, and all in all a most estemable gentleman. Such men make the world better by living in it and are a loss when they leave it. Peace to his ashes.

Conover Items.

On the 22nd inst. Mr. W. J. Ellis, the republican candidate for Congress, addressed the people of Conover. Mr. J. F. Murrill, of Hickory, represented Hon. John S. Henderson, the democratic candidate for the same office. All that was said by Mr. Ellis was entirely refuted and the things that he misrepresented were rightly and truly set forth by Mr. Murrill. Mr. Ellis was not welcomed by the people here but his negro companions gave him a few cheers.

Mr. J. P. Yount was badly burnt in attempting to start a fire with kerosine oil. In pouring out the oil from the can it exploded throwing its contents over his entire clothing, in an instant the flames were all over his body. But the neighbors quickly ran to his assistance and succeeded in outing the flames.

Last Saturday on his way to the barbecue Mr. Bolick's horse stumbled with him, in the middle of a large mud hole. Mr. Bolick went over the horse's head, representing somewhat the aspect of a toad leaping from a precipice. The mud and water quickly gave way to him in his fall.

CORRESPONDENT.

Knee pants in heavy weight for 49 cts. each at the white front clothing emporium.

Hicory, N. C.

Roll of Honor.

Names of pupils who are on the honor list, having attained 85 or more, for scholarship and deportment for month ending Oct. 26 1888.

Charlotte Clinard,	95
Maggie Hall,	93
Lilly Chandler,	93
Affie Harris,	92
Gertrude Hall,	92
Mary Paalzow,	91
Ethel Harris,	91
Florence Chandler,	91
Lucy Thurston,	91
Estelle Clinard,	90
Florence Hallman	90
Mamie Ury,	87
Fannie Ingold,	86
Florrie Wilfong,	85
Lovie Sigmon,	85
Mary B. Hall,	85
Albert Chandler,	85

MRS. A. THURSTON.

Just the shape in all the latest colors in Youman and Dunlap's stiff hats at Royster & Martin's White Front.

Down South.

Rev. Lewis Reiter, of Hickory, N. C., a member of the Board, at the late meeting gave some interesting facts about mission work in his State.

Within the last five years twelve new churches have been begun in that Classis, and most of them also finished. Several charges should be divided, in order the better to develop the strength of the Church. This means men and money from the North. "Will the Board give us any hope of help?" he asked.

"Yes, the Board said by resolution, we will aid the brethren in North Carolina, doing all we can to strengthen their hands, so soon as definite requests are made.—Reformed Missionary Herald.

The display of large "Puff" scarfs and swell "Four in Hands" will catch the most fastidious. At Royster & Martin's White Front Clothing Emporium.

Sam Jones Democracy And Religion.

Some of the Durhamites accused Sam Jones of working for the Republican party. He thus referred to the accusation:

"I am just as good a Democrat as ever flopped wings, and you old scoundrels who are doing that talk know it, too. Brethren, I was born a Democrat; my father was a Democrat, and those were the principles of my precious mother, and let me tell you, good old Jeffersonian Democracy for a fellow's principles and the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount for his religion will carry him to heaven, it will."

Boys two piece suits for $2.50 at Royster & Martin's white front clothing emporium,

Hickory, N. C.

Get Tickets.

The chairman of the executive committee requests some one of the judges of election from each precinct to meet him at Abernethy's drug store in Newton Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and get a supply of State, National and Congressional tickets to be voted next Tuesday. Don't fail to meet him.

Royster & Martin's display of valises and fine tourists' bags is beyond all rivalry. Be sure to call and see them.

One Year Old.

The Evening World has passed its First Anniversary.

It is a healthy, happy and hustling youngster. In One year it has attained and held a larger circulation than evening contemporaries that have been established for half a century, and is now the best Democratic news-paper in the World.

Best black Diamond parlor coal for sale at Piedmont wagon works 41-tf.

POINTERS.

New Advertisements.

J. W. McMILLAN—Jewelry.
A. A. SHUFORD & Co.—Gen'l. Mdse.
F. B. ALEXANDER—Gen'l. Mdse.

The "Wrens" had a $60 house here.

"Belle of Tennessee" flour at Bost & Co.

Royster & Martin are putting in a glass front.

Elder H. D. Lequex, will preach in the Baptist church, Sunday morning and evening.

One more word before we part; Dont forget to register and vote the Democratic ticket.

Don't fail to see Royster & Martin's handsome display of nobby cravats for the fall trade.

Democrats, don't split your ticket. Don't scratch any name from it. Vote the whole ticket. That is your duty.

"ADAM" writes us there will not be a single white Republican vote at Crossing. Sorry we have not room for all his items.

Kitchen says it was foreordained that no bowlegged man shall ever be governor of N. C. and Dockery is smartly bowlegged.

Mr. W. M. Brown, a life long Democrat and editor of the N. Y. Daily News, predicts 40,000 majority for Cleveland in that State.

Two of our Democratic speakers struck a corn-shucking Tuesday. They helped shuck the the corn, eat the supper and then addressed the voters.

On and after Sunday there will be regular trains from Raleigh to Richmond, via Durham, over the North Carolina and Durham & Oxford roads.—Durham Plant.

Shelby suffered the most disastrous fire in its history last Monday. The Wray block, containing four stores, on the upper floor of one of which the Aurora office, and Babbington, Roberts & Co. stationers and printers.

The Raleigh New & Observer says: "The Rev. Sam Jones is creating quite a stir in Durham. Let us all go up and hear him." Come along, brethren. You'll hear the most searching, preaching that ever fell upon your ears.—Durham Plant.

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—A Democratic Club has been organized among the members of the Board of Trade here, with astonishing success. Over one hundred of its recruits are Republicans, who voted for Blaine in 1884, but are now outspoken for Cleveland and Tariff Reform.

Seven hundred workmen have been thrown out of employment just at the approach of winter by the sugar combination in order that it may reduce the supply and thereby increase the price. This is the way the Northern high tariff manufacturer shows his love and desire of protection for the laboring men.

Last week one W. J. Ellis invaded Catawba as a Republican candidate for Congress against Hon. John S. Henderson. Chairman Shuford sent J. F. Murrill to look after Ellis and he gave him such a political tongue-lashing that he will hardly ever come to talk Radicalism to Catawba people again. Our people are solid for Henderson.

Mr. James D. Martin, a shrewd political observer of Ohio, figures that Cleveland will certainly have 213 votes and Harrison 161, with California, Michigan and Connecticut doubtful, total 27. It will not surprise us if Cleveland receives 273 votes. He will probably receive enough to be elected. Mr. Martin gives Illinois, Wisconsin and New Hampshire to Harrison.—Wilmington Star.