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Offer Extraordinary!

We this day withdraw our offer to send the NORTH CAROLINIAN during the campaign for 25 cents, and in order to give every man in the State an opportunity to guess the vote and get $100, we offer to send THE NORTH CAROLINIAN to any address for one year for ONE DOLLAR. This is half our regular rate, and we make it so as to put the paper in the reach of every man in the State.

This offer will be open until Nov. 1st. Send in your subscription.

DO YOU WANT $100?

Subscribe to the North Carolinian and Guess at the Presidential Vote in November.

There has never been a time when there was so much room for speculation as to the vote the four parties will receive in North Carolina as in November of this year. The Democratic, the Republican and the People's party each claim that their electoral ticket will carry the State while the Prohibition party is expecting to make unprecedentedly large gains.

In order to test who is the best political prophet among our subscribers we make the following offer: Every subscriber to the NORTH CAROLINIAN will be entitled to make four guesses:

1. How many votes will be cast in North Carolina for MR. CLEVELAND, (Democrat.)

2. How many for MR. HARRISON, (Republican.)

3. How many for MR. WEAVER, (People's)

4. How many for MR. BIDWELL, (Prohibition.)

We will give $25 CASH to the person who guesses the nearest vote of either of the four candidates, or $100 IN CASH to any one subscriber who makes the nearest prediction as to all four.

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PUBLISHER NORTH CAROLINIAN,

Raleigh, N. C.

Enclosed find one dollar for which send me THE NORTH CAROLINIAN for one year. I make the prediction that the electors for each of the four presidential candidates will receive the following vote in North Carolina:

CLEVELAND. . . . . .

HARRISON . . . . . .

WEAVER. . . . . .

BIDWELL. . . . . .

My name is . . . . . .

My post-office address is . . . . . .

These blanks must be filled in and must be accompanied by a remittance of $1.00 for one year.

THE RESULT.

These guesses will all be carefully preserved and a committee of five—(one from each of the four political parties and one Mugwump) will make the award as soon as the official vote is determined. One guesser may be correct in all of his predictions, and if so he will receive the full $100. It may be that four different persons will be the lucky prophets; and if so, each will receive $25. Every subscriber is entitled to guess as to the vote of each of the four candidates.

CLUBS OF GUESSERS.

Every neighborhood ought to contain a guessing club. Any person who sends us $10.00, accompanied by the names of ten subscribers and their predictions, will be entitled to guess free, and receive THE NORTH CAROLINIAN free for one year. Get up a club in your neighborhood and receive the paper free. It will not be necessary when clubs are sent in for the predictions to be made on the slip cut from the paper, but each guesser may on a separate sheet of paper, send in his predictions, observing the form of the slip.

THE VOTE IN 1888.

In order to give some basis for those who guess, we give the popular vote in North Carolina in 1888:

For CLEVELAND, (Dem.,)	147,902
For HARRISON, (Rep.,)	134,784
For FISK,	2,787

There was then no People's party candidate for President. There has been some increase in our voting population in these four years which guessers will have to bear in mind.

The total vote in North Carolina in 1884 was 268,421. In 1888 it was 285,672—showing a gain in four years of 17,252 voters.

THE SOONER, THE BETTER.

Send in your subscriptions and your predictions now. The sooner you guess, the longer you get THE NORTH CAROLINIAN. Guesses must be sent in at the time the subscription begins. One person may subscribe for as many copies as he will pay for, and for each subscription he is entitled to a guess.

THE *Progressive Farmer* says that if there is a Gideon's Band it is not a part of the Alliance. Correct. Now let the Alliancemen denounce those leaders of their order who have brought it into disrepute by the introduction of this oath-bound political conspiracy.

SELLING OUT THE PEOPLE.

The rascality of the ½ party leaders in Tennessee has been exposed. It is shown by the publication of two private letters written by leading Republicans that the Republican National Executive Committee has paid to JOHN H. MCDOWELL, ½ party leader, $10,000 to insure the electoral vote of Tennessee for HARRISON and get BUCHANAN to run as ½ party candidate for Governor. MCDOWELL is to get $5,000 more and the Republicans agree to vote for him for the United States Senate if the combination controls the Legislature. This is the kind of "Reform" the ½ party fellows in Tennessee propose.

How is it in North Carolina? Mr. D. M. HARDY, who nominated EXUM for Governor, testifies that the ½ party leaders were to get $50,000, and Mr. PEELER, of Cleveland county, who declined the ½ party nomination for sheriff, says that he has *evidence* that the leaders are to be paid $50,000. These are reputable witnesses, and both of them repudiated the ½ party because of their knowledge of such methods.

Honest men cannot affiliate with men who are betraying the people for personal gain.

GIDEONITES FAVOR THE FORCE BILL.

All along in the early stages of the campaign, before the deal between the Radicals and Gideonites was fully known, the Gideonite speakers said that the Force bill was not an issue, and that they opposed it. But WEAVER and FIELD in a late letter give utterance to Radical lies and argue in favor of control of elections, and no more do we hear Gideonite speakers denounce the Force bill. Quite the contrary. N. A. DUNNING, editor of the *National Watchman*, organ of the Gideonites, was asked this question on Oct. 22d:

"Does not the fear of a Force bill tend to weaken your party in the South?"

"We want a Force bill," said Mr. DUNNING emphatically.

Exactly so. Every man who does not want a Force bill will vote the Democratic ticket. In this, as in other things the Radicals and Gideonites are working together. He who does not confess it now, after this and other revelations, belongs to those who "having eyes see not, and having ears hear not," or are themselves members of Gideon's band, or in sympathy with its nefarious purposes. Good men are leaving the Gideon ½ party every day.

RADICALS AND GIDEONITES ARE ONE.

The Radicals and Gideonites have formally announced their co-partnership in Cumberland county, as well as shown elsewhere that they are doing business together. A circular issued jointly by these two parties and signed "S. OTHO WILSON, Chairman People's Party State Executive Committee," and "C. D WADDELL, Chairman Republican Executive Committee," has been issued warning the people that the Democrats are trying to defraud them. One sentence shows clearly that they regard Radicals and Gideonites as partners. We quote:

"It has been discovered that the Democrats intend to cheat US out of the election."

This is false; and shows that Radicals and Gideonites are comrades in lying as well as in working to defeat the Democracy.

LATER.—S. OTHO WILSON says that his name was used without his consent. Now let him denounce his Radical colleague for forgery and lying. Will he do it? We shall see.

A NATIONAL VICTORY.

There is every reason to believe that the Democratic National ticket will win on November 8th. Never in one year have so many prominent Republicans left that party, and never was the moral sentiment of the country more enlisted for Democratic success. And yet, in spite of the evident turn of the tide strongly towards CLEVELAND and STEVENSON, the Republicans expect to buy this election as they bought it in 1888. They have gathered in the doubtful States their most unscrupulous workers, and they have an abundance of money. This debauchery by the "money power" in the pivotal States is Democracy's only danger. In the South the only danger comes from men who say the great issue in politics is, "Down with the money power." They are right. That is the great issue, but unless they vote for CLEVELAND they are doing all they can to continue the "money power" in office another four years. Will any honest Reformer in North Carolina contribute to this end by throwing away his vote on WEAVER?

A WISE ACTION.

Every man in the State who really wants reform knows that the defeat of the Republican party is essential to any and all reforms. What follows? That honest reformers will bury slight differences in order to defeat Republicans.

In Person county the People's party nominated W. F. READE and the Democrats nominated G. G. MOORE for the legislature. In a close county like Person their candidacy insured Republican success. When this became apparent Mr. READE agreed to withdraw and not jeopardize good government. His action was wise. Every man in the State who has been nominated in a close county by the new party, who has heretofore been a Democrat, assumes a terrible responsibility if he does not follow Mr. READE's example. If the Republicans shall win he will have to say: "I am responsible for the calamity that has come to my people."

BOODLE plentifully used is the only reliance of the Republicans to carry the election this year. They are getting it in large quantities from men made rich by tariff. The only way to fight the "money power" is to vote for CLEVELAND who is the only President we have had in twenty-five years who was not influenced by that power.

THE ½ party isn't an inappropriate name for it. It is ½ People's party and ½ Republican.—*Oxford Day.*

FOR ONE DOLLAR.

You can get The North Carolinian for one year for $1.00 if you subscribe by Nov. 1st.

THE BASEST LIE OF THE CAMPAIGN.

DR. LEE, Gideonite elector in the Fifth district, meets the *truth* about WEAVER'S cruelty by the *charge* that Gen. LEE burned houses in Maryland, and extorted money from the people. It is by such bases charges that the Gideonites hope to win. The man who followed Gen. LEE who does not resent such comparison of his old commander, has surely lost the "stuff" that made him worthy to be BOB LEE'S soldier.

To show how contemptible is the false charge against Gen. LEE, we call the attention of our readers to his order issued at Chambersburg, Pa., June 27th, 1863. We make room for this quotation from the great ROB'T E. LEE:

"The commanding general considers that no greater disgrace could befall the army, and through it the whole people, than the perpetration of the barbarous outrage upon the innocent and defenceless, and the wanton destruction of the private property that has marked the course of the enemy in our own country. Such proceedings not only disgrace the perpetrators, and all connected with them, but are subversive of the discipline and efficiency of the army and destructive of the ends of our present movements. It must be remembered that we make war only upon armed men, and that we cannot take vengeance of the wrongs our people have suffered without lowering ourselves in the eyes of all whose abhorrence has been excited by the atrocities of our enemies, without offending against Him to whom vengeance belongeth, without whose favor and support our efforts must all prove in vain. The commanding general, therefore, earnestly exhorts the troops to abstain with most scrupulous care from unnecessary or wanton injury to private property; and he enjoins upon all officers to arrest and bring to summary punishment all who shall in any way offend against the orders on this subject."

Gen. FIELD, who started the slander, ought to ask leave to go off and hang himself. It is the most shameful slander of the honorable dead that ever marked any campaign.

THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG.

National Democrat, Washington, D. C.

The Philadelphia Press, edited by one of Mr. HARRISON'S closest friends, Mr. EMORY SMITH, his late Minister to Russia has the courage to say plainly what all observant men have known all the time, viz., that it is the policy and purpose of the Republican party to enact a Force bill. But the Press is frank enough to urge a reason for it beyond mere political power, and declares that to pass the Lodge election bill is to destroy the dangerous competition that Southern prosperity erects against New England cotton goods and Pennsylvania iron.

Or, in other words, the real downright Republican North seeks to overwhelm the South with another arin, after the South has so far risen from the ashes of war as to compete with the Northern States in commerce and manufactures.

If a single man or woman in the South ever had any doubt about the fiendish intentions of the Radicals let the following words of the Philadelphia Press settle the doubt and determine the only way to avoid the destruction proposed for that section:

"If the Democrats had never been allowed to regain control of State governments of the South northern-capital would never have embarked in the development of Southern coal and iron; and the surest and speediest way to put a stop to this competition from men who are our political enemies as well as our commercial rivals is to carry through and enforce measures like the Lodge election law."

Mr. SMITH is not only a Republican who fires the northern heart with a reflection of burning Columbia and the general destruction of war, but he is also a business man who puts the proposed Force bill in the front as a material necessity to ruthlessly destroy the progress of the South and utterly ruin it, because, forsooth, it competes with northern interests.

The most rabid Secessionist never attributed to the men like Ben Butler anything so virulent and fiendish as this open declaration of the Radical organ. Mr. SMITH, late Minister to Russia, has learned the ancient barbarous methods of the Czars and added something to the deviltry of Boss Reed and such other malign spirits of the Republican party, from whom the destructive policy emanated.

Mr. SMITH did not carry a musket, like a brave soldier, and thereby learn to respect the Southern people, as all the real soldiers did. He was one of the flock of political kites that represented ill omen and hatred.

After presenting a picture of the utter wreck of the South, he gloats over it in following terms:

"And if we can once more get them into the condition they were before 1876 we won't hear any more about cheap iron and cheap cotton goods from the South. They will have other things to think about."

Thank you, SMITH! The Democrats appreciate the picture, and there are certain things that they will think about now, and among others is the resolve to bring out the unanimous vote of the party which has long been in the majority, and another is to cut off from the study of monarchical customs in Russia all such Grand Old Party patriots as the editor of the Philadelphia Press.

PAGE MCCARTY.

IS THIS FOR YOU?

YOU went into the Democratic primaries? or

YOU were a delegate to the Democratic State Convention? and

YOU have said that YOU would not support the Democratic nominees?

It is only ten days until election. There will be two Sabbaths.

YOU ought to take an hour each Sabbath and ask yourself, in the sight of God, this question: *Can I honorably break my plighted faith?*

YOU will not vote against your plighted faith if YOU will do this.

AN attempt is being made to make much of the fact that when MARION BUTLER spoke at Wilson some boys threw eggs at him. It will not work. The Mayor of Wilson shows that it was the work of boys who will be punished if caught, and that eggs struck AYCOCK, as well as BUTLER. This business of martyr-posing has played out. Do you hear, Gideonites?

LEAVING THE GIDEONITES.

Since the exposure and proof that the ½ party is run and manipulated by Gideon's band, honest men who had hoped to find relief and reform through the new party are outraged because they have been betrayed and deceived. Honest themselves, they thought others were equally as honest, and they have been slow to believe that their confidence has been misplaced. But they are now seeing things in their true light, and if we had ninety days more before the election there would not be 500 honest and patriotic men, who have been Democrats, who would vote for WEAVER and EXUM. No honest man can tolerate Gideon's band, which has organized and to-day controls the new party. If they could but recall their public utterance of "I will not vote for CLEVELAND," nine-tenths of the present followers of the new party would leave it to-day. Pride of opinion will keep many of them in the new party, but if they would seek to be *right* rather than *consistent* they would come back home.

And many of them are coming back. The latest is Mr. S. A. BELL, of Macon county, President of Cullasaja Alliance, who writes to the *Franklin Press:*

"MR. EDITOR—Please allow me space in your paper for a few lines in which to briefly state my views of the Third party. I am and have been for a long time a member of the Farmers' Alliance, and, like many of my neighbors, when the so-called People's party was first organized, I believed it was a movement in the cause of reform and could and would bring some measure of relief to the people.

"But finding out more about the principles and the character of the men who are leading the movement, I see no hope of relief in that party.

"In my judgment the only hope for relief is for our people to unite and elect CLEVELAND and a Democratic Congress, and demand relief through the organization known as the Democratic party.

"If to elect WEAVER and carry out his platform could give us relief, that is impossible; for if he carries every electoral vote he claims, then he cannot be elected.

"I do not believe there ever was a more unwise or unpatriotic act in this government than the nomination of WEAVER and the putting out of a State and county Third party ticket.

"Some tricky politicians have tried to make us believe it was an Alliance movement. WEAVER'S nomination has been like throwing a fire-brand among our people. It has opened up old sores that were fast healing, and, therefore, it has set back the cause of reform many years.

"No such as that can be packed on the Farmers' Alliance, for one of the declarations of the principles of the Alliance is 'to constantly strive to secure harmony and good will among all mankind, and brotherly love among ourselves.' Does this look like the Alliance had anything to do with the movement that fastened such a man as WEAVER on us?

"So I feel it a duty I owe to my Alliance brethren to warn them against going into the Third party in the hope of reform, for if it was so hard to get relief when we were all united, how can we expect anything when we are divided up and fighting one another with more bitterness than we ever fought the enemy that has for the past thirty years fastened on us every odious law of which we have just cause for complaint?

Yours fraternally,

S. A. BELL,

President Cullasaja Alliance.

WORKING TOGETHER.

The Raleigh *Signal*, (Republican organ) is full this week of the plans by which the *Signal* and People's party leaders are working together. It advocates HARRISON'S election as of prime importance and believes the electoral ticket of North Carolina can be carried for HARRISON more easily by advocating the Gideonite State and county tickets. It is willing to give up everything in order to secure a Radical Legislature and Radical electors. S. OTHO WILSON and other Gideonites are working side by side with the *Signal* to defeat the Democrats, and still some people who claim to want Reform talk about voting for WEAVER and other Gideonites! Those who have eyes to see and ears to hear will not vote the Radical ticket *directly* by supporting HARRISON, or *indirectly* by supporting WEAVER. They are now virtually one organization and refer to themselves by the firm name of "the Democratic opposition." We make this extract from the last issue of the *Signal*:

Notwithstanding the marplots in the Republican party, the People's party and the Republicans in nearly all the counties of the State are *working harmoniously together to defeat the Democratic party.* The *union* and *cementing* of the opposition to the common enemy—the Democratic party, is to be found in the different counties in the support of the candidates for the legislature and county offices.

Again the *Signal* says:

"The Legislature is the citadel of all political power in this State and the most determined effort should be made elect a majority of Republicans and People's party candidates. Don't neglect the Legislative candidates."

Voter: Is it not clear that if you aid the new party you are deliberately turning over the State to the rule of the Radical party which you have been fighting for thirty years?

IN order to withdraw attention from the corrupt combination between the Republicans and the Gideonites who control the Third party, Chairman EAVES issues a foolish circular against Attorney General DAVIDSON for communicating to a private citizen the day for opening and closing the registration books in this State. In this he emphasizes the weakness of his cause and the infamy of his combination. In this Mr. EAVES places himself in a very rediculous light, and if this is his "greatest effort" we pity the "grand old party" of immoral ideas.

CAPT. W. J. ROGERS, President of the Alliance in Northampton county, said in a speech a few days ago, that when ELIAS CARR was President of the Alliance there were 95,000 members. Now, since its leaders have tried to carry the Alliance into the ½ party, there are only 21,000 members. He quoted from the reports of the State Alliance held in Greensboro in July.

The New York *World* gives more than a column of names of prominent former Republicans who will vote for CLEVELAND. It is a galaxy of great men. It also gives the following list of former Democrats who will vote for HARRISON:

MIKE MCDONALD, gambler, of Chicago.

O'DONOVAN ROSSA, dynamiter.

JOHANN MOST, Anarchist.

GIDEON'S BAND AGAIN.

S. Otho Wilson Writes a Letter Which Does not Deny The Charges Made By Reid and Bell.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 31, '92.

F. M. Simmons, Chairman, Raleigh, N. C.

SIR:—A copy of the *State Chronicle* of the 19th inst., containing two letters and a sensational write up by you with reference to a so-called secret political society, of which I am said to be the official head, has been handed me.

As you have used the machinery of the party of which you are the official head, together with the Democratic press of the State and nation for its circulation, I hope that your sense of fair play will give the same prominence and wide circulation to this communication. Justice demands it.

If there is in North Carolina a secret political society known as "Gideon's Band," or any other name, or if there has been a political society which controls, or has tried to control the people, or the policy of any political party, other than the councils of the party inself, I am in ignorance of its existence.

Very truly,

S. OTHO WILSON.

MR. EDITOR:—At the request of Mr. S. Otho Wilson, I desire through the medium of the press to lay before the people of North Carolina the above letter, which I think contains the strongest possible proof of the charge he therein essays to answer. It will be observed he does not deny the statements make by Messrs. Reid and Bell, and makes the single point that the "Band" is not a political society. In other words, summoned to the bar of public opinion, his plea is what is known among the lawyers as a plea by way of "confession and avoidance." He admits by not denying (under circumstances which imperatively call for denial if one had been intended) the existence in North Carolina of the "Gideon's Band." He admits thereby that Messrs. Reid and Bell have correctly described the machinery by which it works, to-wit: Chiefs, subchiefs, thirty select men in each country and 300 in each Congressional district, "who can be relied on in all meetings." He admits thereby that these men are bound by oath, under severe penalties, to execute "all orders emanating from their superiors;" he admits that he initiated Reid and made him "Chief" in the Ninth Congressional district; he admits thereby that he made overtures to Bell to join and revealed to him the secrets of the "Band;" he admits that he declared the purposes of the Band to be to promote the "Reform movement." But he says the "Band" is not a political society.

I leave it to the intelligent people of the State if this is not a fair interpretation, indeed the only admissable interpretation, of his letter. These facts being admitted or proven, the people will not accept Mr. Wilson's conclusion as to whether they constitute a political society, especially when it is well known that he and some of his followers have very eccentric notions about what is political. They will take the facts and decide for themselves, and these facts, admitted, as I have shown, by Mr. Wilson, show a well defined political organization.

What did Mr. Wilson mean when he told Mr. Bell the object of the band was to promote the "reform movement?" Did he refer to the platform of principles adopted at Cincinnati in 1891, which with slight amendment, were afterwards incorporated in the St. Louis platform and then adopted at Omaha? What could he have meant if not this? Bell so understood him, for he replied the scheme was dangerous and would destroy the Alliance and defeat the reforms proposed. Is there any doubt about what is known as the "reform movement" being a political movement? Does it not seek to have certain well-defined policies enacted into law, and where in conflict therewith to have the fundamental law changed?

There seems to be considerable obtuseness on the part of some people in this State as to what constitutes political action, but it is hard to be believed any can be found so dull as not to see that what was popularly known as the reform movement was then a political move, and has continued up to the present time to be one.

If Messrs. Reid and Bell's letters left any doubt (and I think they did not) in the minds of our people about the actual existence here of a secret political society, Mr. Wilson's letter finally removes that doubt.

The existence of "Gideon's Band" in this State, and the statements of Messrs. Reid and Bell in reference thereto not being denied, the people will, of course, form their opinion of its character and objects from the statements of these gentlemen.

If the order is political it is unlawful; if the order is not political, but merely intended to control and direct the deliberations of the Alliance, then it is an outrage upon the members of the Alliance who have not been admitted to its secrets, that a secret "cabal" should have been formed within their order to clandestinely control its councils.

(Signed) F. M. SIMMONS,

Chm. State Dem. Ex. Com.

THE LAW IN THE MATTER--LET THE SOLICITORS ACT.

Charlotte Observer.

If any person, for the purpose of compassing or furthering any political object, or aiding the success of any political party or organization, or for resisting the laws, shall join or in any way connect or unite himself with any oath-bound secret political or military organization, society or association of whatsoever name or character, or shall form or organize, or combine and agree with any other person or persons to form or organize any such organization, or as a member of any secret political or military party or organization shall use, or agree to use, any certain signs or grips or pass words, or any disguise of the person or voice, or any disguise whatsoever for the advancement of its object, and shall take or administer any extrajudicial oath, or any secret solemn pledge, or any like secret means, or if any two or more persons for the purpose of compassing or furthering any political object, or aiding the success of any political party or organization, or for circumventing the laws, shall secretly assemble, combine or agree together, and the more effectually to accomplish such purposes, or any of them, shall use any certain signs, or grips, or pass-words, or any disguise of the person or voice, or any disguise whatsoever; or shall take or administer any extra-judicial oath or other secret solemn pledge; or if any persons shall band together and assemble to muster, drill or practice any military evolutions except by virtue of the authority of an officer recognized by law, or of an instructor in institutions or schools which such evolutions form a part of the course of instruction; or if any person shall knowingly permit any of the acts and things herein forbidden to be had, done or performed on his premises, or on any premises under his control, or if any person being a member of any such secret political or military organization, shall not at once abandon the same and separate himself entirely therefrom, every person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not less than ten nor more than two hundred dollars, or be imprisoned, or both, at the discretion of the court.

The above is the reading of section 1095 of The Code, and the society known as Gideon's Band falls under it. Indeed, this statute was framed under section 25 of article 1 of the constitution, expressly to cover just such societies as this. The letters of Messrs. J. S. BELL and M. L. REID, addressed to Chairman Simmons, make it certain that this Gideon's Band has had an existence in North Carolina and the reasonable inference is that it exists yet. If it does not, S. OTHO WILSON, its alleged chief, should be given an opportunity before the court of the country to show that it does not.

Mr. REID alleges that Wilson initiated him into this order in Goldsboro. Wayne is one of the counties of the district of which E. W. Pou, Esq., of Johnston, is the solicitor. We respectfully call upon Solicitor Pou to bring this case to the attention of the grand jury of the next term of Wayne Superior Court. We would not punish, severely, the ignorant men who have been inveigled into this unlawful and dangerous society but the vicious leaders, such as Wilson, should be prosecuted and the law should be such that they could be put into the penitentiary.

"Secret political societies" are said by our constitution to be "dangerous to the liberties of a free people," and our wise law-makers, in recognition of the truth of this declaration, have framed a law to punish those who organize or belong to them. This law has been violated and it is now for the solicitors and the grand juries of the State to invoke its penalties upon its violators. All laws while they remain such should be enforced, and it is absolutely necessary to the protection of society that this one in particular should be. As certain as there is a God in heaven so certain is it that if this Gideon Band is permitted to go unchallenged its existence will call into being counter associations, until presently society will be honey-combed with secret political orders, the inevitable result of which will be social disorder and finally our whole political fabric, rotten at the heart, will topple to its fall.

It is impossible to over estimate the gravity of this matter, and the servants of the law will fail of their duty if they do not deal with this illegal aud treasonable organization promptly and firmly. There is no proper course for them to pursue with reference to it except to take it by the throat and choke the life out of it.

The Oath Taken by the Gideonites.

I, ——, a free citizen of this republic, do hereby, in the presence of God and these witnesses, solemnly swear never to reveal to any human being on earth any of the signs or secrets of this order or the evistence of the same.

That I will not divulge by any means calculated to convey an idea, either directly or indirectly, the name of any person belonging to this order, or the method by which its work is conducted or any work that has been done or accomplished or sought to be accomplished.

That I will implicitly obey all laws, rules, and regulations of this order and unquestioningly carry out all instructions and commands from superior officers.

That I will, without any evasion or mental reservation whatever speak the exact truth when conversing with a brother of this order under the * * *

That I will immediately, upon receipt of any information which leads me to suspect the fidelity to the cause of integrity of any brother, report the same to my superior officers.

That I will not make or preserve for my own use or gratification any written or other evidence calculated to convey the names of brothers, or signs, grips, pass words, or other secrets of this order.

That I will never propose any one for membership who is not honest, faithful, true and devoted to the cause which we espouse.

That I will labor for the accomplishment of industrial freedom from monopolistic greed.

That I will, upon any and all occasions defend the principles of this order and the good name of the members thereof.

To all of which I most solemnly swear and sign my name, binding myself under no less penalty than that of being held up to the contempt of all mankind. And I further pledge my life, my liberty, and my sacred honor, and should I willfully break this oath I hereby surrender my body to the just vengeance of the members of this order.

P. O.——, County of—, State or—, District No.—.

Read and sign in the presence of——.

Approved——. Date—, Record—. Page—. Date—.

ANOTHER CONVERT TO DEMOCRACY.

Mr. JOHN T. GREGORY, who has been Clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax county, for twelve or sixteen years, and who is known to be the most influential Republican in the black district, has joined the Democratic party. He has been Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of that county, and in tendering has resignation in a letter dated Oct. 22nd, Mr. GREGORY says:

I have this day, after mature thought, research and study, severed my connection with the Republican party, and will not longer advocate, support or maintain its principles, but expect in the future to support, maintain and defend the principles of the National Jeffersonian Democracy as laid down, embodied and enunciated in the platform and principles of the Democratic party.

Am actuated in taking this step, because I am lead to believe that the tendency of the Republican party once national, powerful and great, is dwindling down into centralization and sectionalism, arraying one section of the country as against the other in bitter breast of the citizen a spirit of antagonism and bad feeling which is at once repugnant, and should be condemned and discountenanced by every elector, whatsoever his political faith, having the welfare of his country at heart. And further, because I believe the perpetuity and welfare of our free institutions will be safer and in better keeping when under the control and guidance of the national Democracy than with any other country; this conclusion is inevitable when we recall the reckless and revolutionary policy of the late House of Representatives.

For my part, I am quite content and ready to follow the illustrious example of such noble patriots and statesmen as Judge Gresham, Judge Cooley and Wayne McVeagh, and I believe thousands of thoughtful men all over the country, who have heretofore belonged to and acted with the Republican party, will do the same.

DO THE people want Gideonites to sit on their judicial bench? If not see that you vote for MCRAE and SHUFORD. The Gideonites have formed a combination to put BALL and NORWOOD on their tickets, and thus aid the Republicans in electing them. We caution our press and people as to this matter. The bench must be kept above suspicion.

THE whole country will sympathize with President HARRISON because of the death of his wife on Monday night. She was an accomplished christian woman.

MR. KOONCE'S LETTER.

Two Years Ago he Was a Demagogue for Personal Gain---Now he says he is a Refawmer.

Correspondence NORTH CAROLINIAN.

RICHLANDS, N. C., Oct. 12, 1892.

EDITOR NORTH CAROLINIAN:—My attention has been directed to an article in the editorial columns of your paper of 7th October, containing unjust and unfriendly references to me as the Reform candidate for Congress in the Third district.

The injustice of the thing appears in the re-production from the Newbern *Journal*, of what you say Cy. Thompson wrote that paper on 17th October, 1890, and in what you allege the Richland's Alliance said on 15th October, 1890, concerning me as the candidate for State Senator, and in the omission on your part to re-publish what the Alliances in Onslow and Jones counties said in my behalf in reply, which also appears in the Newbern *Journal* (daily edition) of October 30, 1890, and is in the following terms:

"We have been informed that some evil-minded persons are busy in making and circulating slanderous reports against Frank D. Koonce, Esq., the candidate for Senator in this district on the Alliance platform. We have known Mr. Koonce personally or by reputation for many years, and we have no hesitation in saying that these reports are false and slanderous. And we further say that Mr. Koonce has been a devoted friend to the Alliance from the time when he joined our order, and he has proved himself to be an earnest and faithful worker in behalf of our organization, and he has our full confidence, having pledged himself to stand by the Alliance, its objects and its principles and to support its demands by every proper means in his power. E. W. Scott, President of Long Branch Alliance; W. H. Scott, Secretary of Long Branch Alliance.

"We endorse the foregoing statements. J. E. Floyd, President of Catharine Lake Alliance, No. 246, Onslow county. W. J. Barber, Vice-President; J. H. Cox, Secretary; J. J. Jarman, Chaplain, of Gum Branch Alliance, No. 155. James F. Walton, Vice-President; E. J. Lanier, Secretary, of Harriss' Creek Alliance, No. 765. W. H. Andrews, President; G. L. Griffin, Secretary, Deep Spring Alliance, No. 196. G. G. Noble, Secretary Pleasant Hill Alliance, No. 208.

"We, the undersigned members of the Farmers' Alliance in Onslow county, certify that F. D. Koonce, Esq., has rendered faithful and efficient service to the Alliance cause in our county, and we believe him to be honest in his advocacy. We have heard no one impugn his motives in regard to this service until the present campaign opened. Tar Landing, N. C., Oct. 27, 1890. James H. Foyles, Secretary of Onslow county Alliance; J. F. Giles, President, Tar Landing Alliance.

"To whom it may concern: The undersigned, being members of Richlands Alliance, No. 1277, and of other Alliances in Onslow county, having been informed that some of the members of Richlands Alliance have undertaken to pass certain resolutions derogatory to the good name and standing of Frank D. Koonce, Esq., the candidate for Senator in the 9th district on the Alliance platform, as a matter of truth and justice to Mr. Koonce, wish to say: First. Thrt Mr. Koonce joined the Alliance more than three years ago, and was made county lecturer, and that during his term of service rendered earnest, faithful and intelligent work for our order, and in responding to the numerous calls made upon him in the last three years for service in the furtherance of the influence and usefulness of our organization, he has shown himself to be a devoted and earnest worker and he has our full confidence as an Allianceman, and as a good citizen of our county. Second. We regard this attack upon Mr. Koonce as malicious and slanderous, and prompted by malignant and political enmity. And we know the facts, as stated, to be that Frank D. Koonce, Esq., as a candidate for Congress in 1886 carried his home precinct by a large majority, and we never heard his devotion to the Alliance and it principles questioned by any one before now. Oct. 27, 1890. J. A. Taylor, J. E. Rhodes, B. S. Koonce, W. H. Farrior, members of Richlands Alliance; H. B. Koonce, Secretary of Richlands Alliance; E. J. Newbold, Treasurer of Gum Branch Alliance; J. E. Floyd, President of Catharine Lake Alliance; W. J. Barber, Vice-President of Catharine Lake Alliance; J. B. Hobb, J. H. Bishop, members of Catharine Lake Alliance; J. H. Cox, Secretary of Gum Branch Alliance; J. J. Jarman, Chaplain of Gum Branch Alliance; Thos. J. Jarman, Treasurer of Tar Landing Alliance; James F. Walton, Vice-President of Harriss' Creek Alliance; S. W. Venters, President of Onslow County Alliance.

"To whom it may concern: This will show that Frank D. Koonce, Esq., candidate for Senator in the 9th Senatorial district, has signed the Alliance demands. In testimony whereof I have set my hand to this certificate. James B. Stanly, Secretary Jones Co. F. A."

It is needless to criticise your motives in publishing what you consider to be injurious to me, and in suppressing everything that is in my favor. At one time Saul of Tarsus was a bitter persecutor of the Christians, and did much evil to the saints at Jerusalem. When the scales fell from his eyes he became a genuine Reformer, and ever afterward preached the "unsearchable riches of the truth," which he so vehemently opposed before his conversion. Two years ago Dr. Thompson was an ardent Democrat, now he is advocating the cause of reform, and is actively engaged in exposing the false teachings of modern Democracy and other enemies to the rights of the people. The Richlands Alliance is fully represented in the list of Reform voters at this place, containing 113 persons who will support the Reform movement and its representative men, and at least five-sixths of those who were alleged to have been present at the meeting in 1890, are now the most enthusiastic and earnest supporters of the People's party candidate for Congress in the Third district.

FRANK D. KOONCE.

[We give space to the article of Mr. KOONCE. We suppressed nothing, but printed all that we saw. We know that if Mr. KOONCE is a Reformer, we don't want any of his reform. He poses as a friend to the people and there is no man in the State whose career has shown less devotion to their real interests, who has opposed them more when he could, and whose political career has been more variegated. If Reformers are satisfied with a representative like KOONCE they don't want reform. Never until inflamed by prejudice has Richlands Alliance had any confidence in KOONCE. Two years ago they said he was a demagogue who deceived the people for *his own personal gain.* It was true then, it is true now. It is true that Dr. THOMPSON has repudiated the Democratic faith, but it is also true that he cannot stand KOONCE, and will vote for GRADY for Congress. The "scales have dropped from his eyes," says Mr. KOONCE. He now "sees clearly," he says, and yet in what we regard his blindness, he says that KOONCE is too bad a pill to swallow. To show the sort of Reformer Mr. KOONCE is, we need only to say that he made his money (and he is rich) by bringing up old claims against men in all sections of the State, bringing suit in a justice's court and compelling them to go all the way to Onslow for trial. Often when they would go, he would take a non-suit; and by the time the party whose claim he had bought had returned home, KOONCE would sue him before another magistrate. By this harassing a busy man he would be able to extort some payment from him to prevent further annoyance. This is the way he made his fortune. As soon as he got rich he put much of his fortune in government bonds in order to escape the payment of taxation upon his wealth. This is the sort of man who pleads in his behalf critical way for "the down-trodden farmer." He has never been known as a friend of the people, and when Richlands Alliance denounced him as "a detriment of the people for his own personal gain" they showed that they knew the height and depth and breadth of KOONCE'S devotion to Alliance principles. We plead no abuse of KOONCE. It is his own record that makes the people repudiate him. He is a standing candidate, and always runs on a new platform and with a new party if one is organized. No genuine Reformer will vote for him now. If he did induce a few Alliancemen (not very few) to endorse him two years ago. In that very election he was overwhelmingly defeated.—ED.]

The following is the article which Mr. KOONCE complains. He does not deny a paragraph of it, and we reproduce it with full endorsement. It is as follows:

A "REFAWM" CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS.

The candidate for Congress of the ½ party in the third district in F. D. KOONCE of Onslow Co. He is a great advocate of "Refawm" and is calling upon Reformers to support him against Hon. B. F. GRADY who is a *real* Reformer and enjoys the confidence of all who know him. In 1890, Mr. KOONCE announced himself as a candidate for State Senator on the Alliance platform. CY. THOMPSON, who is now an elector for WEAVER, wrote on the 17th of Oct. to the Newbern *Journal* as follows:

"Mr. Frank D. KOONCE, nondescript candidate for the Senate in the 9th district has no connection with the Alliance and does not possess the confidence of the Alliance people of Onslow; and further, Mr. KOONCE has not signed the Alliance demands."

This shows what Mr. THOMPSON thought of Mr. KOONCE. What did the Alliance at the home of Mr. KOONCE think of him? Happily they have given the public an estimate of Mr. KOONCE. On the 15th of October, Richlands Alliance adopted for publication the following:

"WHEREAS, it comes to our knowledge that F. D. KOONCE, of Richlands, N. C., is declared in his canvass for the Senate that he is "with the Alliance and of the Alliance," and that he claims the support in his candidacy of the Alliance voters in Onslow, therefore,

Resolved, That we make it known to the public that the said F. D. KOONCE has no connection with Richlands Alliance, No. 1977, and cannot have by reason of his profession of the law, that we have no confidence in him, or in his profession of love for our Order; but that, on the contrary, from our intimate knowledge of his past political life and of his personal character, we consider him a shrewd misleader of the unwary for his personal gain.

Can the honest farmers of North Carolina expect to get Reform by defeating honest BENJAMIN GRADY, a true-blue Allianceman, and voting for KOONCE of whom Richland Alliance officially said: "We consider him a shrewd misleader of the unwary *for his personal gain?*"

Let us use a little common-sense in this campaign. Loud professions of devotion to the cause of Reform by men who are "shrewd misleaders" of the people "for personal gain" cannot make them worthy of the support of good men who desire Reform. People are putting too much confidence in men who are good at promising. If they trust such men they will delay the coming of the relief needed by our people.

HARRISON AND ALL