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THIS PAPER WAS ENDORSED BY THE STATE ASSEMBLY OF THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR, AT ITS LAST SESSION, AND IS THEREFORE THE AUTHORIZED ORGAN OF THE K. OF L. IN NORTH CAROLINA.

We acknowledge the receipt of the First Annual Report of the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the State of North Carolina. A condensed review of it in another column.

We are indebted to Col. Clark, of Rowan Mills, for a package of papers containing leading articles on the tariff question. Before having seen them we promised to publish them, provided they were not too long; but we find on examining them that we shall be unable to do so, since they can not be curtailed without damaging their force, and they are too long for our paper. We will gladly print short extracts or communications on either side of this question, but have not the spare time to segregate the more forcible points from long articles. They must come to us short, crisp, and to the point, or we cannot use them. This will apply to all communications on whatever subject.

As we have heretofore said, the TRUTH will boost no man for office, nor favor the schemes of any political faction. It shall be strictly independent, commenting upon the fallacies and errors of politicians and parties without regard to creeds, and giving, without endorsement, such comments of the press, bearing upon these, as may come to hand. Our object being to fill the paper with such articles as will enable the people to become informed concerning all matters transpiring around them, whether political, agricultural, or what not. In order to do this, we invite short, pointed, proper communications from all sides and all shades of opinion.

We are aware that there are narrow-minded partisans so blinded with prejudice, conceit, and ignorance that they cannot distinguish between independent criticism of men and measures and absolute advocacy of them. In other words, they will regard any criticism of a member of their party as evidence of the critic's endorsement of the views and politics of their opponents. On such nincompoops it is not necessary to waste words. They are the mere puppets of faction, used as tools to stir up strife and excite prejudice, vilify and slander opponents, just as a finger is used to start a fire, or as a pimp is made a procurer to gratify his master's unholy lusts.

However, if we are forced by any reason to take up the shibboleth of faction and go into discussion with the partisan press of the country in the advocacy or for the promotion of any political organization, we shall issue a paper entirely separate and distinct from the TRUTH; and we shall then endeavor to take care of our critics and our opponents. Our course shall be determined in this matter by the policy of men who not only esteem themselves charitable but wise. The publication of the TRUTH will be continued in any event and remain true to the principles enunciated at the beginning.

VOTE AS YOU THINK.
 The Labor Advocate (Lewiston, Me.) is so truthful and happy in the subjoined remarks which are so applicable not only to this, but to all sections, that we adopt them bodily without further comment:

The event of the past few weeks make it quite certain that Cleveland and Blaine will again be pitted against each other in 1888. The bloody shirt and Maria Halpin will probably have a rest, and free trade and protection will be the battle cry. Some side dishes will be sandwiched into the bill of fare in certain states, to catch the eye and please the palate of those who are not dying for free trade soup or protection pudding. And now, before the battle commences, we want to caution the laboring people a little on some points that we think they have overlooked in the past.

First, don't make up your mind how you are going to vote, before you know what you are voting for. Don't say you are a democrat or a republican, but say you are a man, and let your actions prove it. Don't watch to see how the cat is going to jump, so as to be on the winning side, but study to know which way is right, and take that

road, though you travel it alone. Don't throw your hat in the air because some one else does. It gives the bystanders a chance to see that your head is not proportioned right. Thinking men don't do the jumping jack trick when some politician pulls the string.

Thinking men are not put down on the sure side of the tally board, when ward politicians run over the list. It is only the lunkheads that they are sure of.

Thinking men have the respect of their opponents, while the partisan blind idiot is held in utter contempt by his pretended friends, who flatter him only to use him.

Thinking men don't take their cue from curb-stone politicians, or campaign speakers. They read and think for themselves. They are the safety valves of this republic; they are the ones that have made possible all the great reforms of the past and will still hold the lever in the future; and it behooves every man to think well before he casts his vote in any election. To be a partisan democrat or a partisan republican is sure to make a man a bigoted ass as well. He seldom knows it, but other people do.

How we have pitied such men about election time but could not help them because they would not help themselves. The bigoted partisan is usually happy because he don't know any better. He never reads but one side of the political question, and for that reason he don't know anything about that side even, because he don't know whether what he has read is true or false. Such a man lives a useless life, and when he dies his party loses a vote, that's all, but the community loses nothing because nothing from something does not affect the remainder.

THEN AND NOW.

In 1876-77 when Radical thieves perpetrated the monstrous fraud in counting Tilden out and Hayes into the Presidency, there was no go-d man or patriot in our land that could find language sufficiently strong to express his abhorrence of the foul deed; and we had hoped that the day had passed for such outrages upon the American ballot; we had hoped that the infamy heaped upon the actors in that transaction would be an everlasting warning to others. But it seems very probable that the very parties that condemned that fraud in the most positive manner have been guilty of a crime in character not less flagrant. We refer to the recent action of the Democratic majority in Congress in refusing to investigate the case of Thobe vs. Carlisle. It was not necessary for Thobe to establish beforehand a bona fide case to obtain a hearing. He alleged a claim and offered to produce testimony; and, although his request was backed by four thousand petitioners, his complaint was treated with utter contempt; and upon no other grounds than the fact that Carlisle filed affidavits denying one or two points made by Thobe. No opportunity was given the contestant to prove his allegations, or even to examine the answer of the contestant. All this seems to be very important for a part claiming to be the champion of a free ballot and a fair count.

It was such conduct as this in part that has nearly turned the control of the Government from the Republicans to the Democrats, and both parties must learn that as such frauds are boomerangs that will sooner or later bring their own remedies. It is no excuse to say that Thobe was a poor devil of a Knight of Labor. Be he what he might, if he was elected to a seat in Congress, (to which all the circumstances point) he alone had a right to a seat from that district, and Carlisle's ex parte affidavits were no answer whatever to his claims. If he was not elected Congress should have ascertained the fact in a fair and impartial way, and let the country know it.

The Knight of Labor party may be odious to such politic ants as have broken faith with the people, but neither the party nor the sentiment will ever be crushed or smothered in that way.

Lexington, N. C., Feb. 4th, '88. For the TRUTH.
 On Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the residence of Mr. G. W. Greene, Prof. C. F. Swicegood, Sec. of the Teachers' Institute of Davidson co., was married to Miss F. Belle Greene, of Jubilee, N. C., H. Hellinstetter, J. P., officiating. Among the attendants were Mr. E. C. Warner, of Salisbury, with Miss Roberta Swicegood, of South River; Mr. T. D. Green, of Jubilee, with Miss Mittie V. Warner, of Michael; Prof. W. S. Greene, of Jubilee, with Miss Fannie C. Young, of Sapona; C. R. Darr, Esq., of Tyro Shops, with Maude M. Greene, of Jubilee.

On Wednesday evening the parties enjoyed a grand affair and reception at the residence of Mr. H. H. Swicegood, of South River. Numerous presents were given as a proof of the high esteem in which she was held.

LABOR STATISTICS.

We have received from Mr. W. N. Jones, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, a copy of his first annual report. It is meagre in details considering the immense field to draw from; but it must be admitted creditable work on the slim means afforded by the Commissioner. It is the beginning of what we hope will develop into a Bureau of great importance to our State. We think Mr. Jones has shown a warm interest in his work, and has done all that could be expected in view of his cramped surroundings. The report is a good paper, and can be read with profit by

every citizen of the State. Mr. Jones sent blanks out to individuals in the different counties which he desired filled up with answers to questions therein asked. The first blank was sent to mechanics and laborers, other than farm hands. A great many returns show a large number of counties in which no mechanical pursuit is regularly followed. All but three counties in the State are represented. The Commissioner dwells with force on the lack of education manifested by the returns, and points out clearly language the overwhelming necessity of a greater interest in schools, and an increase of school facilities.

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