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**Fall Goods Coming In Daily.**  
Calico 4 cts. per yd. Heavy 10 cent Outing for 8 cents per yd. American indigo blue Calico 5 cts. per yd.; best heavy sheeting 5 cts. per yd.; Good Coffee 10 lb for \$1.00.

**Hats, Shoes and Clothing**  
As low as the lowest. See me before you buy.  
**J. T. PERRY.**  
Oct. 14th, '97. East Broad Street, P. 3—1 sell a good standard Acid for wheat lower than any one else.

**IF YOU WANT TO SEE Some Beautiful Goods**  
JUST STEP IN AND TAKE A LOOK  
At the new things I am getting in. A part of my China and imported Glass Ware is just in. I would be glad to have the ladies, especially, to come in and see these goods.  
**IF YOU ARE IN Need of Specks,**  
CAN FIT YOU CORRECTLY.  
With best quality of glasses.  
**R. H. Rickert, THE JEWELER AND OPTICIAN**

**There Are shows and Shows.**  
For instance we are showing continuously **New fall goods** AT ALLISON'S VARIETY STORE.  
Among the latest arrivals is a stylish line of Ladies Capes, from a \$5.00 one down to an insignificant figure. In Dry goods would call your attention to our line of Outings and Fancy wool Flannels 5c. yd. to 40c. Before buying anywhere you should see what we are offering in Men's, Children's and Ladies' Shoes. Cheapest to the best in Men's and Children's Hats and Caps 19c. up. Men's, Boys and Children's Suits 65c. up. Just opened up 250 pairs Men's and Children's old pants, extra values, from 20c. per pair. up. 300 Vols. Cloth board, 12 mo. Books in History, Fiction, Poetry and other Subjects @ 10c. vol., and up. See us for anything in school books or stationery at lowest prices. Respt.  
**W. H. ALLISON.**

**SLOAN & SHELTON.**  
**IF YOU NEED ANYTHING IN THE Overcoat or Mackintosh Line**  
This fall you want to see what nice ones we are showing. No matter what you want to pay. We can show you the Dressiest and Best top coat your money will buy. In **Underwear**  
We can show you the most complete stock carried in this market, at prices to suit all. We have just received **A NEW LOT OF Klondyke Hats and Caps.**  
No trouble to show goods. So come and see us before buying. Yours,  
**Sloan & Shelton CLOTHIERS AND FURNISHERS**  
Statesville N. C.

**HARDWARE**  
**ANOTHER CARLOAD of Champion Grain Drills**  
Just arrived. Oliver Chilled Plows, are the best in the world. Anchor and Babcock Buggies, "None Better."  
One and two Horse wagons of various Brands. We have a very handsome line of **Coal Grates, Cook Stoves and Heaters.**  
This is a good time to repair your house. We offer the best material. Sewing machines, Corn Shellers.  
**A Complete Stock of General Hardware.**  
**W. A. THOMAS & Co.**  
Statesville, N. C.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**  
In all the interviews on the results of the late elections we have seen nothing from that noblest Roman of them all, Colonel L. De la Croix, of Oxford. He was to see Moses here in North Carolina to lead us back into the Democratic party, just as soon as Cleveland would issue permits for us to bereaved. The Colonel should not suffer us to grope in darkness, but should favor us with his advice and wisdom in these benighted times.  
All this rot that is appearing in the papers about Cleveland's kid and what its name should be makes us tired. It would make us equally as tired were it Bryan's child. After all of the sickly twaddle about "Baby McKee" during the Harrison administration and of "Baby Ruth" during the campaign of 1892 and the ensuing Cleveland administration, the country will forgive President McKinley many shortcomings, if he will continue not to inflict upon it any "baby" nuisance.

One of the amusing things of life is to hear one of these gold-bugs, who believes in no doctrine of the Democratic party, who gave the party nominees last year only a partial support and who rejoiced at the defeat of the party's nominee for President, calling loyal Democrats or Democratic papers, which keep the full counsel of the party, "so-called Democrats" or "so-called Democratic papers." For pitiful idiocy such expressions are only equalled by those of the insane person who imagines everyone crazy but himself.

The Democratic speakers last fall told the people what they might expect if the gold standard was continued. They told them that their products would continue to depreciate in value, that their lands would not improve in price and that their labor would still bring them only a bare subsistence. The gold standard was continued and all these things have come to pass. The men and papers that prophesied ten-cent cotton are now being put to shame by about half that price for our main money crop. The long heralded prosperity has not come.

What a stubborn fellow this man Bryan is! It was given out by our wisest and best North Carolina newspapers just after the election in 1896 that he could not hold his popularity and write books at the same time. These same papers advised him, as he loved his political life, to go into his hole and pull his hole in after him. They quoted some antiquated saying of a hanger-on of England's effete Court that ran something like this: "Oh that mine enemy would write a book!" They gave us daily and semi-weekly installments of what was going to happen to poor Bryan, and the tears which they shed over his prospective downfall, were like unto the tears of a mother for her first born. But Bryan heeded them not. His book appeared and he continued to speak for his cause. And, strange to say, it is conceded by almost all people that he is stronger today than before.

The landmark of last Friday said that it had received a letter from a Democratic county chairman in which he said "that great harm is being done in his county by the charge that the gold-bugs are trying to capture the Democratic party in that it is alienating Populists who are disposed to return to the party on the basis of the Chicago platform."  
So that the very fear of gold-bug control keeps the Populists from returning to the Democratic party. What will our chances be to get them if that fear is made reality? Now the landmark holds up its hands in holy horror that anyone should ever have credited it with a desire that the Democratic party should abandon that platform. Then what has it meant by its attacks upon that platform ever since its adoption? What has it meant by its ridicule of that platform and its advocates? The landmark's profession that it is willing for the reaffirmation of the Chicago platform reminds us of the man who said to his adversary in a quarrel, "I don't want any fuss, but what you told was a d-d lie." Its attacks upon the Democratic platform and leaders have been simply "love licks." "Whom it loveth it chasteneth." Our Populist friends who are disposed to return to the Democratic party need hesitate no longer. The people are "onto" the gold-bug game. The gold-bugs, discovered, now declare, like the darkey who was caught in the hen roost, that they "were a meanin' of no harm and a hopin' of no hard feelin'."

John C. Adams, merchant, of Cumberland county, made an assignment last week.  
Hood's Sarsaparilla is prepared by experienced pharmacists who know precisely the nature and quality of all ingredients used.  
**HOOD'S PILLS** are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

**Local News**  
Hon. A. Leazar was in town one day last week.  
Mrs. L. Harrill is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ives, in Newbern.  
Miss Hattie McConnell, of Asheville, is the teaching of her sister, Mrs. W. D. Harris.  
Mr. M. C. Wood has returned from a visit to his brother, Mr. James H. Wood, in Asheville.  
The Catawba Visitor says that Mr. E. M. Brawley had his thumb, on left hand, kicked out of joint by a horse last Monday. The wound is getting on very well.  
P. W. Goodrum has been appointed postmaster at Doole, Davidson township, to succeed A. S. McKay, Esq., Democrat. We suppose Goodrum to be a Republican.

The Iredele chain gang has received 8 recruits from Catawba county. The gang is now in Barringer township and working their way to Statesville on the Charlotte road.  
B. F. Long, Esq., assignee of Wallace Bros., paid a dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. to the creditors of that late firm last week. This makes 3 1/2 per cent. which has been paid to the creditors, and is the last which they will get.  
The North Wilkesboro Hustler says that "Miss Mamie McElwee has been teaching school in North Wilkesboro since the first of September. She has a flourishing school, too, and the people more than pleased with her." We had printed before last that her school was at Ronda and the Hustler kindly corrects us.  
Salisbury World, 12th: Mr. J. P. Burke, of Statesville, is in the city today on insurance business. Mr. Burke will move to Salisbury shortly and will reside here for awhile.  
—Miss Bettie Walker, of Statesville, was in the city last night on her way to Washington. Miss Walker is a trained nurse and she goes to Garfield Hospital to complete her course of work.

**Mooreville News.**  
W. A. McConnell and family will leave next week for Edna, Texas.  
Wm. Beard, of Mitford, in Rowan county, will move to Mooreville in a few days.  
A telegram from Baltimore informs us that Mr. H. A. Ludwig, who is there for treatment, has had an operation performed and is getting along nicely.  
Mr. L. H. Vaughan, of Roanoke, Va., who has the contract for \$4 miles of the Mocksville-Mooreville road, is in town and will begin work at once.

**Iredele Recorder.**  
Clint Brown left here Thursday for Wilmington, where he will live in the future.  
Mrs. George Turbyfill, who was living near Davidson, died last Thursday. She was a daughter of A. J. London, of Mooreville.  
**None But Democrats on Guard.**  
Judge Van Wyck is a man of few words. He knew how to keep silent in ten languages when his opponents were begging him to talk during the recent campaign. He said nothing beyond his declarations in accepting the nomination. The result showed his wisdom.  
Now that he has been elected, he is still not very communicative, saying only that he will carry out the excellent platform upon which he was nominated. It is so common for Mugwumps, Republicans and Democrats of the Cleveland school to forget the platforms after their election and repudiate the men who elected them, that it is refreshing to see a Democrat of the old school declare that his only aim is to fulfill his own and his party's pledges.  
Judge Van Wyck also delights Democratic hearts when he declares, he will appoint none but Democrats to office. The Democrats elected him and there are as fit men in the ranks of his party as elsewhere. He is right when he says he will put none but Democrats on guard.  
Mugwumps and bolters have no place in a Democratic administration.

The Federal court at Atlanta, Ga., has decided that the Southern Railway must haul liquors in original packages into South Carolina.  
Henry Turner, his wife and sister, were found murdered in a potato patch in Campbell county, Ga., Saturday. They had been shot and branded. There is no clue to the perpetrators or their motive.  
Gold Hill, N. C., Oct. 26, 1897.—That Hood's Sarsaparilla thoroughly purifies the blood and cures all diseases originating in or promoted by impure blood is a fact of common experience. "My brother was troubled with boils, having one and two a week. Some of his neighbors recommended Hood's Sarsaparilla. He has taken one bottle which has permanently cured him. "DAISY MARTIN."

**Gov. Bushnell's expressions have been such as to lead to the conclusion that he is at least considering the possibility of succeeding Senator Hanna himself.** "I know how he got that," said he yesterday when it was suggested that Senator Hanna had been nominated for the Senate by the State convention at Toledo.

**State News.**  
The News and Observer will issue an afternoon edition on December 1st. Success to it.  
One negro killed another in Tyrrell county last week. Whiskey caused the crime. The slayer escaped.  
Sam Wright, colored, was hanged at Goldsboro last week for the murder of Carr, a Wayne county merchant.  
The Journal says an unsuccessful attempt was made, last Monday night, to set fire to the Lincoln ton postoffice.  
Samuel M. Davidson was burned to death in his house in Charlotte one night last week. He was about 50 years old.  
One negro shot and killed another in Montgomery county last week. The killing was on the way from a negro festival.  
Col. W. F. Henderson tells the Davidson Dispatch that he made on his farm this year 1600 bushels of wheat and 10,000 bushels of corn.  
Wilkesboro Chronicle: Two loads of possums here last week. One fellow started from home with 52. The possum industry is growing.

One Colson cut Guy Edwards, at Sparta, one night last week. The wounds are serious and may prove fatal. One hand was almost severed. Colson escaped.  
Near Trap Hill, Wilkes county, one night last week Ester Ashber killed Norman Richardson, who was drunk and abusing him. The slayer is still at large.  
The Greenville Reflector says a man carried to the Greenville market a load of acorns which he sold at 10 cents a bushel. They were bought for hog feed.  
Dr. Geo. W. Blackwell, of Raleigh, died there last week. He was formerly proprietor of the Yarbrough Hotel there and the famous manufacturer of colons.  
Raleigh Correspondence Asheville Citizen: For a month Mr. William E. Christian has never left the room in which his little daughter, Julia Jackson Christian, has scarlet fever.  
The Journal says it is reported that a man and his son, went away from Monroe with the Wallace show. Each was trying to slip off from the other, and they met after the train started.  
Only two life certificates for teaching were granted in North Carolina this year. One of these was to A. M. Carwood, of Davie county, a graduate of Whitsett Institute, Whitsett.

Maxton has had two more failures—A. C. McKinnon and C. H. Jones, the latter of whom the Laurinburg Exchange says, is an industrious colored man, who had worked his way into a nice little business.  
He is devoted itself to the child, who is now convalescing. In another room in the same house the little son of Editor Daniels, of the News and Observer, has the same disease and is also rapidly convalescing. Both cases are completely isolated.  
The Enquirer says that a woman, apparently about 25 years of age, was seen on the streets of Monroe last Friday in an almost beastly state of intoxication. Sadder of all, she had a baby about ten months old in her arms. Those who saw the baby's face say that it was a beautiful child and was cooing and laughing in its innocence.

**Anti-Hanna Men Claim Ten Votes.**  
Columbus Dispatch:  
The anti-Hanna Republicans claim ten Republican members of the General Assembly who will refuse to vote for Senator Hanna, as follows: Senators Vernon H. Burke, of Cleveland, and Oscar Sheppard, of West Alexandria, and Representatives M. F. Bramley and H. C. Mason, of Cleveland; James Manuel and Philip Brossard, of Dayton; H. H. Redkey, of Highland; D. A. Rutan, of Carrollton; J. J. Snider, of Xenia, and W. K. Stewart, of Youngstown.  
These men refuse to say whether they will support Mr. Hanna or not on a joint ballot. If three Republican members unite with the Democrats against Hanna and in favor of some other Republican they can defeat Hanna.  
A. J. Hazlett, of Bueyers, a Democratic member of the House, said today that he would be willing to vote for any Republican the anti-Hanna Republicans might suggest to defeat Hanna, and that the same sentiment had been expressed by all the Democratic members with whom he had communicated. He felt sure that the co-operation of the solid Democratic side of the Legislature could be secured if three anti-Hanna Republicans would lead the movement.

**A WHOLE MAN.**  
A whole man is another name for a healthy man. One of the prime essentials of health is cleanliness. The first step in this direction is a clean skin. This fact is well known. Not only should the outside of the body be perfectly clean, but the interior of the body as well. Clean teeth, clean mouth, clean throat, clean nasal passages, are all requisites of perfect health. The whole body, as well as every organ in the body, is lined with mucous membrane, which is even more liable than the skin to become very dirty. The most frequent cause of unclean mucous membrane is catarrh. Catarrh creates unnatural secretions, even though the catarrh be very slight. In this condition good health is impossible.  
Dr. Hartman has made a specialty of treating chronic catarrh for nearly 40 years. His great remedy (Perrina) has become known throughout the United States and Canada. It is certainly the best, and probably the only effective internal remedy for chronic catarrh. Its cures are permanent. The Doctor is also the author of many books on chronic catarrh. His latest book on the subject will be sent free for a short time by The Perrina Drug Mfg. Co., Columbus, O.  
Ask your druggist for a free Perrina Almanac for 1898.

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**GENERAL NEWS.**  
China has established the gold standard.  
Denver, Col., taxes cigarette dealers \$1,000.  
A great gold find has been made in Montana. It runs \$100 to the ton.  
Bud Beard was lynched in Carrollton, Ala., last Friday for the usual crime.  
The Macon, Ga., dry goods firm of J. R. Fried & Co. has failed for \$50,000.  
There have been eleven cases of yellow fever at Thebes, Illinois, and one death.

The New York Supreme court has declared that State's anti-trust laws unconstitutional.  
Col. Ade Vecchi ate toad stools in mistake for mushrooms and he "sleeps with his fathers."  
A duel between Sir Robert Peel and the Duc de Cirella was narrowly averted in Paris last week.  
Whitcays unmercifully whipped two young girls in Oakwood, Ohio, who had been warned to leave the town.  
Wm. J. Keating, 21 years old, died one night last week from injuries received in a football game at Swisville, Pa.  
Robt. T. Lincoln has been elected President of the Pullman Car Company, to succeed George M. Pullman, deceased.  
B. F. Strohbart, a police hostler of Savannah, Ga., was killed by the train at a crossing in that city one day last week.  
A high degree mason, named H. Johnson, of New York, suicided in Charleston, S. C., last week by drowning himself.  
The Middleboro Foundry and Machine Works, at Middleboro, Ky., were burned one day last week. Loss \$50,000; insurance \$100,000.  
The St. Louis limited on the Missouri-Pacific was held up Friday night near Independence, Mo., by five masked men, who secured nothing.

The Guldensuppe-Thorn murder trial is on in New York. Mrs. Nack, the woman in the case, has confessed that Thorn did the murder at her instigation.  
Edward Hankins, the white man who murdered Dr. Cabell in Pittsylvania county, Va., some months ago, was hanged at Chatham, Va., last Thursday.  
A juror in the Thorn case in Greater New York has been operated upon for appendicitis and a new juror will have to be drawn and the trial commenced again from the beginning.  
John C. Baltitt, of Wise county, Va., suicided in New York city one night last week by taking poison. He left a letter to his brother in which he said that he was going to kill himself.

Rev. Henry J. McParke, a Catholic priest of Philadelphia, was murdered one night last week. His watch and purse were missing when his body was found. There is no clue to the murderer.  
Richard Croker has sold his one-half interest in the Belle Mead stock farm, near Nashville, Tenn., back to Gen. W. H. Jackson, from whom he purchased it for \$250,000. The price which he received is not known.  
Detective V. H. Newbold, of the South Carolina State force, while looking after dispensary violators, shot and killed Rev. J. M. Turner, a Baptist preacher, near Columbia, S. C., one day last week, while he was in a buggy. The officer commanded him to halt and, when he did not stop promptly, fired. The officer fled to escape being lynched.

**MISS MINNIE STIREWALT.**  
Miss Minnie Stirewalt, daughter of Rufus Stirewalt, of near Ebenezer, this county, was quite recently taken to the State Hospital at Morganton. For a long time she had been afflicted and some time since her mind became affected and it was thought best to have her taken to the hospital where she could be properly attended.  
Rev. G. H. Cox, relates to us a pathetic incident, or series of incidents, in connection with Miss Stirewalt's affliction. She was engaged to a young man some years ago and they would have married but for the affliction which came upon her. Four years ago this young man, who was working in Concord, became very ill. He was taken with fever which it was thought would prove fatal. But he was brought back to health. The physician attending stated that the presence of the young lady and her attentions is what saved the sick man's life.  
And when the lady became afflicted and lost her mind the young man became, if possible, more loyal in his devotion than ever. He was with her often and paid every attention possible.  
Last week he accompanied her to Morganton and saw that she would be properly cared for in the State Hospital.

**KLIP HER NOV OF SILENCE.**  
St. Louis, Nov. 9.—Kate Schieber, now an inmate of the observation ward at the City hospital, has for 20 years observed a vow never to speak again. When Miss Schieber took her oath of silence she was a seamstress, 27 years old. She began to overwork herself, and her sister thought she was trying to forget an unhappy love affair. But Kate declined to discuss her trouble, and when her sister's references to the matter exhausted her patience, she exclaimed one day:  
"There I'll never speak to you nor any one else again if I live to be 80 years old."  
Since then she has not uttered a word, except once, about six years ago, when she answered "No" to a question; Now her reason is affected and her relatives are anxious to have her properly cared for. She was sent to the hospital today.—N. Y. Sun.

**C. M. King Smuggler.**  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 9.—Gilbert M. King, a young man who is related to some of the best families in Providence, is charged with being a smuggler. It is understood that he has confessed to the government and the goods have been seized by the authorities. King is the grandson of the late William J. King, who made a fortune in cotton. He lives in a fine house in the aristocratic section of the city, and up to a few months ago was the owner of the crack yacht "Tomahawk," of the Rhode Island Yacht club fleet. This yacht was sunk off Cape Cod last June while returning from an alleged smuggling trip to Nova Scotia.

King, according to the confession of the captain of the "Tomahawk," fitted out the craft, and taking something over \$2,000 with him, went to Yarmouth, N. S. He gave the money to the captain, who, with one of his men, went to Halifax, purchased a quantity of sulphur, phenacetin and other drugs on a list furnished by King. A large quantity was also purchased in Yarmouth.  
After seeing the goods on board, King, it is charged, sailed for Boston on a steamer. The yacht went to Portland, Me., where most of the drugs were expressed to King's home in this city. The captain left the yacht at Portland, taking along the balance of the drugs as baggage. Then the yacht sailed for home. She sank, however, in broad daylight off Cape Cod.  
The crew don't know what caused her to sink, but believed her plates opened. King concealed the drugs in his College Hill home, in the shadow of Brown University, but was unable to dispose of them as readily as he had anticipated, so he divided them up, part being left at the Greenwich and the balance at Pawtucket and Woonsocket. Finally he got worried, and fearing that the authorities would detect him, went to his lawyer and made a clean breast of it all. The latter told him to tell the customs officer, and he did so. The seizure followed, but the facts did not come out until a formal condemnation of the goods was made. The friends and relatives of the young man are shocked at the disclosures.

**Among the Politicians.**  
President McKinley made the following appointments last week: Charles W. Kendrick, of La., consul general to Monterey, Mexico; A. A. Young, surveyor of customs at Indianapolis, Ind.; John H. Dawson, examiner of drugs at San Francisco, Cal.  
Yancy Carter will be the Populist candidate for Governor of Georgia. Tom Watson does not appear to be "in it."  
Charles Page Bryan, of Illinois, has been appointed minister to China by President McKinley.

**Loyal Devotion.**  
**Salisbury Sun.**  
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**NEATLY SAID, BROTHER DEAL.**  
Wilkesboro Chronicle:  
The goldbugs found the silver corpse a little lively and obstreperous last Tuesday when they marched up to its burial. When will the next burial of the "silver craze" take place?  
Fred. Woolcott, a Raleigh merchant, made an assignment Friday. Liabilities pretty heavy.  
The people of Hogansville, Ga., have boycotted the postoffice there on account of the negro postmaster.

**YELLOW FEVER GERMS**  
bred in the bowels. Kill them and you are safe from the awful disease. Cascares destroy the germs throughout the system and make it impossible for new ones to form. Cascares are the only reliable safe-guard for young and old against Yellow Jack. 10c, 25c, 50c, all druggists.

**Correspondence Results in Marriage**  
**Chatham Record:**  
Quite a romantic marriage took place here last Thursday night. The groom was Mr. James W. Gilliam, an industrious farmer of this township, and the bride was Mrs. Frances D. Middaugh, of Westfield, New York. He was a widower and she was a widow and they never met until the day before their marriage.

A few months ago Mr. Gilliam saw an advertisement in the Atlanta Constitution, of some woman for a husband, which he answered. A correspondence began between them and she sent him her photograph which he liked so much that he proposed marriage. She assented conditionally—that if he would send her \$30 to pay her traveling expenses she would come here and marry him, if on a personal inspection she was satisfied with him and his surroundings. Accordingly he sent her the money and she arrived here on last Wednesday night, and was met by Mr. Gilliam who prosecuted his suit so vigorously and successfully that they were married the next night by C. C. Hamlet, J. P.

**"Mountebanks and Humbugs."**  
**Fayetteville Observer:**  
The position of the Observer—viz: that the only honest course for those former leaders who rejected the Chicago platform, was to retire from pretensions to leadership or else to go over to the Republicans—receiving endorsement on all sides now.

**Says the Washington Post:**  
Thus the New York Sun heads an article, which we here reproduce, relating to the downfall of the Cuckoo movement in Kentucky:  
"Kentucky having been carried by the Democratic party on the Chicago platform, the Courier-Journal of Louisville, whose brilliant fight against the Bryanite transformation of the Democratic party will long be remembered, yesterday surrendered and announced that it is again to be Democratic, with a little dissent, perhaps, and a little remonstrance against the party decrees, but opposition, never! The National Democratic party of so-called gold Democrats will soon lose even its name.  
"The Republican party, the party of public credit and conservatism, and the Democratic party, of radicalism and revolution, whose limits are unforeseen and unforeseeable, divide all serious political sentiments in the United States. Differences of opinion must be expressed through one or the other of these organizations, or candidates without parties, will rank in public importance with the prize speaking in colleges and schools. A man must be a Republican or a Democrat, and a Democrat is a Bryanite.  
"Mugwumps, Cuckoos," stuffed prophets, unifying forces, and their like, take notice!"  
"We do not know so much about the Courier-Journal's fight having been a "brilliant" one. In our opinion it was a demonstration of party treachery and Democratic folly. There was nothing brilliant about the Indianapolis movement of last year, or about its authors and prophets and apostles. The only honest and consistent men who broke away from the Democracy because of the Chicago platform went into the Republican party. Those who refused to do that, and contented themselves with pretending to be Democrats and to represent the Democratic party, were mountebanks and humbugs. They polled nothing but a crank vote, and succeeded only in making themselves ridiculous.  
"We quite agree with the Sun, however, when it proclaims the disappearance, in Kentucky, at least, of this absurd and pestiferous faction, and we heartily congratulate Kentucky upon so halely a consummation. There has not been in the whole history of American politics so offensive and deplorable a chapter as that which records the impudent pretensions and abominable mischief-making of these so-called "National Democrats." They have been national nuisances and charlatans, and all right-minded men will rejoice when they are snubbed and discredited and set aside.

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