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MAGISTRATES.

Edwards - J. T. Edwards, N. C. Mickerson, N. P. Carter and W. F. Alexander.

BRIEF LOCALS

Capt. Cooper, of Dellaplane, is sick. Sheriff McEwen is back from Raleigh.

Dr. Turner is coming home this week.

Read Lanney's argument for revenue repeal.

Mr. Manley expects to leave for California, today.

Logan Price's little son of Brushy Mountain, is low with pneumonia.

Miss Brock, of Walnut Grove, died of pneumonia, Monday night.

M. R. N. Hackett and his mother started to Winston Tuesday.

Read the Holiday Hurch. Don't miss the MOUNTAIN BREEZE, and if not a reader, a subscriber subscribe at once.

In the W. & V. R. R. don't make better head way the Cape Fear and Yadu's Valley will look like a branch of Wilkes.

R. C. Love, of Little Falls, called to see subscribers for the Mountain Breeze in town Wednesday.

W. S. Ryan, an influential local leader of this county left for Washington the first of the week to see a delegation to our Congressman, Col. Conley.

We acknowledge a very pleasant call from Col. Conroy, J. M. Adams, of this place on yesterday. Call often, Mr. Adams, we are always glad to see our friends.

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The Blair Bill ought to become a law. It brings the advantages of schooling within the reach of every child in N. C. Every freeman who is loyal to his home will, we trust, vote against the congressman who votes against his child.

Following the footsteps of a Shoe: On last Monday our worthy Brother, of the Chronicle, and our eloquent and clever young townsman A. Wellborn mounted on E. M. Wellborn's old ox made a tour around the Public Square. We know the ox was ashamed. Moo! Moo! Moo!!!

We would like to know why it is that the names of such men as A. Wiles, E. M. Absber, Alfred Ellledge, John Davidson, R. P. Laxton, D. M. Hall, W. L. Brewer, and others we could mention have been marked off the Jury list, of Wilkes County, and some other we could mention have had their names retained.

REVENUE REPEAL.

By E. Z. Linney.

Mr. Editor:—At the beginning of this new year let me urge you to continue the war you have begun upon the devil and the internal revenue system. There can be no compromise with either. In fact, I have sometimes thought the cause of truth both in Christianity and politics would prosper more if less were said against his satanic majesty, and more against this pestilential weapon for evil he uses. Do away with the internal revenue system, and the friends of truth everywhere will have acquired a victory over which angels would smile. There is an organized body of clannish, calling themselves democrats, who for twenty years past have professed to be the enemies of this system, now for the first time in the history of parties in this country boldly take grounds for it. I thought I saw in the President's last message that the administration was a friend of the most destructive agency of the devil and despotism. From that day to the present I have expressed doubts as to the honesty and patriotism of the so-called Democratic organization.

Nothing is greater of all questions of the day, for those who are suspicious of a Democratic administration as though I had committed some heinous crime, if we had told them they lied, they could not then have seen that we were telling the truth. No doubt the thinking ones of them now wonder how they have mistook the people so long on this question. That the Democratic party is inconsistent and wrong on this important question now, no candid man will deny. Indeed no active democrat in North Carolina can deny it without finding himself confronted with the teachings of many long years of his past life. Any further acting with that party by the democratic voter who hates this devilish system would be self destruction. If he has become a convert to the system, - if democratic heat and bluster for those fifteen years past was a false alarm, then and only then can it be logical for "myself, the system's friend, to slay myself its foe." For one, I still prefer to oppose this system of collecting revenue. It may not be entirely barren of good results to contrast the position of President Monroe after the war of 1812, with that of President Cleveland's after the war of 1861. At the beginning, Mr. Clay spoke as follows. "In casting our eyes around us the most prominent circumstance which fixes our attention and challenges our deepest regret, is the general distress which pervades the whole country. It is forced upon us by numerous facts - by the alarming diminution of the circulating medium - by the numerous bankruptcies - by the universal complaint of the want of employment - by the ravenous pursuit after public stations as a means of subsistence. It is like the atmosphere around us - none can escape it - all must inhale it!" How much like the present condition of our country, Mr. Editor, is that drawn by Mr. Clay, The war of 1812

was over. A system of internal revenue as then, was in 1861, a war necessity. I have seen somewhere that 27 articles were then taxed, the product of individual enterprise. This destructive system then, as now, had paralyzed the arm of individual enterprise, and the results were best described by that peerless whig orator, Mr. Clay. President Monroe was, perhaps, better grounded in the principles of republicanism than any president this republic has ever had. He had little or no rank in the army. Had therefore been, himself, governed much, and it was one of Harrington's axioms of liberty, that "those who govern must in turn be governed." Besides, he had read law with that apostle of liberty, Thomas Jefferson. We can therefore look to no authors in this young republic's history with as much hope of getting the truth as applied to patriotism, as President Monroe. Such a patriot statesman once discerned the diseased condition of the young republic and prescribed a remedy for all the ill Mr. Clay had so truthfully sketched. Let his first message tell the remedy. "It appearing in a satisfactory manner that the revenue arising from imports and tonnage without the aid of internal taxes, is sufficient to meet the demands of the government economically administered. I consider it my duty to recommend to congress their repeal. These taxes were imposed when the demand was imperious." So with the present. The tax on 200 articles imposed in 1866 were a war necessity, just as the tax on 27 articles were imposed as a war necessity in 1812. They are for war and only way. They should disappear with the confederate gray and federal blue. They are associated with the demands of hate, blood, and discord. Monroe looked upon them as the storm that wounded our people in peace, and at once drew out this offending and destructive agency and destroyed it, only to be again restored to life temporarily as he no doubt thought to answer war demands. The result was indeed a happy one. Stephens says Monroe's administration was called the "era of good feeling." Such was his popularity that at his second election, he carried every state of the Union, a thing unknown before or since, except with Washington. And he was perhaps the only President who could ever have been elected to a third term of the Presidency. Such was the course of legislation given this country by the old republican party, under Monroe. Monroe recognized the custom dues as the legitimate source to draw revenues for the wants of the federal government in times of peace. How stands this thing we now have called Cleveland democracy, or should be so called; for no officer has ever been idolized in this country but Cleveland. They sometimes speak of Cleveland as a kind of God of the clouds, you see. Josephus tells us of Anubis, a heathen God of the clouds worshiped in the temple of Isis. He turned libertine, however, and the temple was burned. This idolized party leader in his last message makes rather a dark picture of the situation, much indeed like that of Mr. Clay in Monroe's

administration. I have no doubt that if Mr. Carlisle's attention had been directed to this statement of Mr. Clay he would have put it in Mr. Cleveland's message when it was being written. This Carlisle, Cleveland message also proposes a remedy for the ills growing out of the war taxes of 1866. What is it? No son of the North State not in office can read it without exclaiming, except my friend Henry Bingham, and he rubs his eyes and wants to see Locke McCaulds whenever he is pressed on it. Yes, this message does indeed propose a remedy. Instead of pulling this thorn out of the whole body politic and casting it into unquenchable fire, he strikes this irritating, offending agency on the head with a sledge hammer, forged in despotism's work shop. "It need hardly be stated," says the President, "that while the present situation demands a remedy we can only be saved from a like predicament in the future by the removal of the cause." The president here alludes to tariff not as a source of evil at all, but the means of supplying the federal treasury during the whole of his second term of office, the best this country has ever known. We know the administration desires to perpetuate this iniquitous tax, because immediately after speaking of the tariff and attributing the distressed condition of the country to that as the cause, he proceeds to dispose of the internal taxes. There appears to be no just complaint of this taxation by the consumers of those articles - says the President. It thus appears that for the ills growing out of the war taxes of 1812, Monroe administered an effective remedy; to wit, their repeal. For the ills growing out of the war tax of 1866, President Cleveland administered just the opposite remedy; to wit, their perpetuation. Monroe was illogical enough to suppose, that the removal of a cause would destroy its evils. President Cleveland's philosophy proceeds upon the idea, I suppose that "the hair of the dog is good for his bite." Mr. Editor, can such no sense be crammed down the throats of good men any longer? The consumers of the articles taxed and their interests seem to be first in the sympathies of our president "this modern God of the clouds." I have been simple enough to think that the toiling hundreds of thousands of husbands and wives and their children who in the heat of a summer's day in southland make themselves, with ever returning season, beasts of burden to bear water to the tobacco plant; and who, clad in raiment the President's dog would not sleep on, wage an eternal war under the black flag against the tobacco worm, were objects of christian charity and presidential respect. These hardened tax-payers have often been known to be forced to sell tobacco, at four cents per bushel, besides the taxes. Under this monopoly of trade in the purchase of tobacco the system, those who purchase as dealers in tobacco make often as much as the producer realizes for his whole crop. They get rich; the producer gets poor. Besides, the consumers both of whiskey and tobacco are after foreigners. The President's sympathies were probably much excited in behalf of the European manufacturer while Mr. Carlisle read to him his tariff speech, and, when he came to speak of the internal taxes, he forgot his own toiling, tax burdened producing subjects. The consumers therefore, you see, do not complain in opinion of the President. (Continued next week for want of space.)

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