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OUR STATE TICKET.

- For Governor ELIAS CARR, of Edgecombe. For Lt. Governor R. A. LOUGHTON, of Alleghany. For Secretary of State OCTAVIUS COKE, of Wake. For Auditor R. M. FURMAN, of Buncombe. For Treasurer D. W. BAIN, of Wake. For Sup't. Public Instruction J. C. SCARBOROUGH, of Johnson. For Attorney General F. I. OSBORNE, of Mecklenburg. For Congress, 5th District HON. A. H. WILLIAMS, of Granville county.

HARRISON AND REID.

The Republican party has named its standard bearers for the coming campaign. They are Benjamin Harrison for President, and Whitlaw Reid for Vice President.

Mr. Harrison defeated James G. Blaine for the nomination, very much to the surprise of the latter's friends, but if we peep behind the curtains the reason is plain. In the Republican convention, there was one idea supreme to all others. It could be felt in the atmosphere. Whenever it was suggested the convention "went wild." That idea was the Force bill.

Mr. Blaine was the one great man in his party, who disapproved of this measure. He was the one man who predicted its consideration would bring disaster. While serving as a Representative in Congress, he had fought the Force bill and aided the Democratic party in defeating it.

Harrison is the man who has used every prerogative of his office to secure the passage of this same measure. From the day of his inauguration until the present, he has used every opportunity to further it. With a zeal that would have been laudable in a more creditable cause, he has insisted upon its passage, and no one who understands his character will doubt for an instant that he will continue to press it as long as he is in power.

Whitlaw Reid was nominated for Vice-President, and Levi P. Morton dropped.

Of course we have men right here in Person county as all over the State, who do not believe there is any danger of the Force bill. They believe all the talk about it, is the talk of a "subsidized partisan press," but then if they think, if they reason calmly for ten minutes they will see every word we have written above is true.

If there is any man in the South who ever thought of leaving the Democratic party, the Republican nominees should arouse him from his dream, and let him see the meaning of disunion in our ranks.

Levi P. Morton sitting in the Vice-President's chair refused to apply the gag law to aid in the passage of the Force bill. Whitlaw Reid, editing the New York Tribune, abused him roundly for it.

They frequently contain clauses like this: "This policy shall be null and void and of no effect, if any other insurance is taken upon the property herein insured, without the written consent of this company."

We don't write this as the advocate of any company nor agent, but as a caution to policy holders. Many pay their premiums lock their policies in a safe, and wait, thinking they are all right, only to realize after a fire, they have so much worthless paper, or what is most as bad, a law suit of several years standing.

SOUTHERN INFLUENCE AT MINNEAPOLIS.

No lover of his country, Democrat or Republican, can see the treatment of Southern delegates at Minneapolis, without a blush of shame. They were there subject to two opposing fires. Most of them were office-holders and for that reason pledged to the support of Harrison, but this did not prevent the wealthy opponents of the President from making heavy inroads into their ranks.

In fact, a great Republican daily openly proclaimed the purpose of the anti-administration forces to be delay, in order to reduce the Southerners' purse to that point, where they could be purchased for less money. The great uncertain element that so long held the result in doubt, was the Southern element. All knew the delegations were pledged to Harrison, but no one seemed to doubt, they could be bought off, and yet, this very element—the purchasable element—is the one Republicans in the North want to see in power.

DEATH OF COL. POLK.

Few names have attracted more attention in this country within the past years than that of Col. L. L. Polk, whose death at Washington was announced yesterday. But a few short weeks ago he seemed to be the embodiment of physical and mental energy, and the reports within the past few days were the first intimations the public had of the bodily break down, though those intimate with him knew that he had not been for years a really well man.

taxed an ailing system and hastened the end. Ordinarily there appeared to be still many years of life before him for he was only 55 years of age, and was a man of good habits throughout life.

He was a native of Anson county, the son of a farmer, and losing his parents in boyhood, was thrown upon his own resources, and whatever of success or distinction he achieved was due to his own untiring efforts, natural abilities, and untiring energy.

He volunteered and served in the Confederate army until he resigned to take his seat in the Legislature of 1864-'65, to which he had been elected, and was a member of the Johnson Constitutional Convention. He afterwards worked for the establishment of the State Agriculture Department, and in 1877 was elected Commissioner and organized the Department. This position he resigned three years later. He was afterwards connected editorially with the Raleigh News and the Raleigh News and Observer, and later started the Progressive Farmer at Winston, which after a year or so he moved to Raleigh. On the organization of the State Farmers' Alliance he was chosen President, and in 1887 was elected President of Interstate Farmers' Association of the cotton States which led to his election afterwards as President of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union which position he has held since and which has given him national reputation.

He has been severely criticised by those who differ from him in the line of action which he had marked out for himself and saw fit to pursue, but at the grave resentment will be ended and they who know him best will regret that he ever took the path that compelled them to part company with him. Personally he was a companionable, and an amiable man, of kindly disposition and of generous impulses. Morally he walked the straight path, and there were few homes where love shed its influence more warmly than in his.

ROXBORO CONTINUED.

To describe the scenery of Roxboro and vicinity and to write interestingly of the amusements of her kind-hearted people requires a pen more gifted than the pen of your humble historian. And she realizes the fact that all good people are sensitive; that communities as well as individuals are not responsible for the environment to which they were born. Circumstances often circumscribe aspirations for a larger sphere of action, for more beauty, more enjoyment, a fuller life, "grinding at the mill." The true life reaches forward for something higher, nobler, purer. We may never reach the ideal of paradise in this world or in Roxboro, but to "love and lose is better than not to love at all." Hope and expectation is the capital stock of youth and of youthful communities. Memory is the treasure of age from which to draw after the capital stock of hope and expectation has gone to protect at the Bank of Mammon, at the shrine of beauty, at the ladder of fame or in the halls of pleasure.

Well, yes; we know this moralizing is an imposition upon the dear reader's indulgence. We admit it is not a woman's true vocation to preach, much less to publish her feminine homilies in a Democratic weekly Bible! But we just cannot refrain; it is pre-eminently the Democratic soul we seek to save. But another reason is, practice or habit is our second nature. We have been preaching at old Mr. Isaac during the thirty years of our married life, and the above is chosen extracts from our light-curtain literature. Let this modest explanation extenuate our weakness to preach. Nothing can justify it except old Isaac's forgiveness and the reader's indulgence.

The scenery of Roxboro is unique in its monotony and unlimited to the eye of the stranger who knows not its boundary lines. Perhaps we can convey a more perfect picture of its scenic beauty by telling what it is not, than by telling what it is. Allow us then, to make a draft on the treasury of memory. When a girl in our teens, in early morning we stood on a bluff in a far Western Prairie. All surrounding nature was the sublime, infinite in grandeur. The sunbeams in grandeur, not vision of the human eye could reach the limit of the boundless expanse, beautiful and fresh as new from the Omnipotent hand of creation, as yet uncontaminated by habitations of civilized man. East, North, South, the rolling prairie, with its wealth of variegated vegetation. At our feet, in majestic silence flowed the mighty waters of the "Father of Rivers" onward into the eternal bosom of the briny deep. The air was filled with the melody of nature and the "music of the spheres." The sun rose as from the abyss of liquid immensity and filled the scene with light, life and divinity as our heart was filled with reverence, love and prayer. But Roxboro scenery is not like this.

One more draft on the treasury of age. In Greenville county, S. C., near the line of Transylvania county, N. C., on the highest peak of the Blue-ridge mountain, is Caesar's Head—a stone likeness of this historical Roman, hewn by the God of ages, at an elevation of 4000 feet above sea-level. Standing on this senile rock one can see a vast country of woods, rivers, villages, plantations and lesser mountains spread out two thousand feet below. Mountain piled on mountain, bald with stoneheads bared in reverence to the majesty of creation. Waterfalls dripping from everlasting to everlasting, down two thousand feet

into the gorge below. Great and wonderful Creator of diversity! Haggle mountains is not like this! Another draft on memory must liquidate our debt of descriptive Roxboro scenery. And this effort is to encourage our lovely sisters whose stock in trade is youth and hope and expectation? No, no! Beauty, grace and womanly affection, angelic smiles, laughing eyes, rosy cheeks—the bloom of innocence, the elastic step of youth and manly; moral goodness, spiritual purity and silver tongues behind pearl teeth are also theirs. (Please don't think old Mr. Isaac wrote this for he didn't.) Once upon a time, when these feminine charms were ours, we stood beside the waters of an inland lake. O'er the pellucid bosom of the lake, birds commencing their flight, the wash of a free and mighty people. As we gazed and mused the sun went down and still we lingered upon the sand, "a pensive matron, fancy free." The shades of night fell to earth, the sentiment world retired to rest and still we lingered beside the water. The stars shone above the horizon and its mellow light beautified the scene and softened the silence of nature in repose. At last, he came. Hand in hand, together we walked upon the sand. The scene grew more beautiful. The silence was filled with the song of ecstasy and the song was voiceless to the ear of man; it was a song of the sexes that vibrates from soul to soul. The radiance of the moon seemed a baptism from Cupid and our heart was filled with dreams and our dreams were full of love. But alas! This lake was not Loch Lomond.

English writers claim that Americans know nothing of the true science of amusement; that they toil, sweat and worry more than other people and that they do not recreate sufficient to recuperate the wasting energies of life. We believe this accusation to be true. The people of Roxboro, we fear, stand convicted in this respect. But it is not the intention of your historian to criticize or advise; it is her duty to write the facts as seen by her. If an apology would excuse her from discussing this subject she would beg pardon and lay her pen aside.

But she is human and feels an interest in every subject, a right view of which will enhance the pleasures of life. If this world were our abiding-place, it were well to toil and strive to own the Earth. As things are it were better to amuse and be amused than to own a kingdom. "Man wants but little more below," but the capacity of the soul for enjoyment will outlast the ages of time and perhaps eternity! Cultivate, discipline, develop, then, the souls desire for amusement. "Behold the Lillies," and the duds, and the duds of Fashion; they toil not; neither do they spin their own stocking yarn! And why should we do it for them!

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