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THE defeat of [illegible] whole on Saturday [illegible] sideration of [illegible] bly and the [illegible] shelf for the [illegible] Twenty six Democrats [illegible] against the motion, and [illegible] Republicans in favor of it.

THE German [illegible] Wisconsin has mem[illegible] gress on the school [illegible] They think there [illegible] necessity for stimulating immigration to this country, and that no satisfactory reason can be [illegible] for allowing foreigners to vote and hold office after one [illegible] sidence.

THE Richmond [illegible] the changes in the R. & D. and Terminal Railroads, says that if the road, the R. & D., will certainly be run in the interest of Richmond hereafter. This is undoubtedly true and perfectly right and legitimate. North Carolina has sold to Richmond the privilege of using her railroads and we can expect nothing else than for that city to use them in her own interest.

THE snobbishness that ex[illegible] Washington City society, if we are to believe the reports sent out by newspaper correspondents, is really disgusting. But the "rules" are to be straightened out, says the N. Y. *Star*, and each assigned to his proper place and station, and the hope of the country is that economy and common sense will have a little showing. The taxpayers of the country are becoming interested in these society doings. Extravagance here will corrupt the servants whom the people send to make, alter and repeal laws. There are few Senators and members of Congress who retire in a better condition financially than when they enter public life, notwithstanding the money they get for a two years' term is considered a right smug sum for tane by the common people. It is spent in show and bustle, and occasionally a cry is raised that $5,000 a year is not enough for a member of Congress. Are not the people who lead in society responsible?

The Kinston *Free Press* [illegible] point about the [illegible] house of the A. & N. C. R. destroyed by fire at Morehead City some time [illegible] our notice of the [illegible] tained by the company in the fire we did not trouble to get the exact figures; a gentleman who ought to know told us that the loss was comparatively small. The *Free Press* infers from this that it would be an actual advantage to the road to burn all the warehouses. Well, every one to his own notion. We hardly think any other man with common sense would draw such an inference. Taking the *Free Press's* own estimate of the loss it is comparatively small. But suppose it is a heavy loss? We are willing for the *Free Press* to have its own way about that, but we think it unjust to its readers to suppose that they are silly enough to draw the same conclusion from the JOURNAL's item that it does. Did the *Free Press* draw on its memory for the point about the sheds built by Col. WHITFORD or was some one else in the editorial chair when that paragraph was written? Is it another far fetched inference? Please get Col. WHITFORD to tell you the date of the JOURNAL that contains the item: we have searched our files and can't find it. We do not deny anything, we only want to know whether you "inferred" or stated facts.

NEW COUNTIES—A VOICE FROM THE WEST

The mail on Monday night brings us the following letter

PORTLAND, Mitchell Co., N. C.,
December 15, 1886.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—The writer has noticed several editorial articles in different papers in this State notably in the *Watchman*, of Salisbury, giving the editor's *spec dixit* that no more new counties shall be formed in North Carolina, and I believe yours is one among them.

In your daily of the 30th [illegible] a very calm and well written article proposing to divide Beaufort into three counties—two new ones. You say that your change of front is induced because "the people in some portions of the State are subjected in attending the courts and having access to the County records for the transaction of business to travel from thirty to fifty miles to reach the county seat." [illegible] ing particularly [illegible] Bakersville [illegible] Mitchell and we [illegible] travel more than [illegible] town in a carriage [illegible] can reach it by going [illegible]

Now certain parts of Watauga, well, Burke, McDowell and [illegible] are demanded by the [illegible] set off into a new county, according to my [illegible] our situation [illegible]

[illegible] county proposition [illegible] new county [illegible] contain a county [illegible] tants, otherwise the [illegible] the people would seem to [illegible] be an army of [illegible]

THAT CONSCIENTIOUS EDITOR

The Washington *Gazette* after proclaiming increase of trade against the board of canvassers of the election returns of Craven county [illegible] the papers decided whether [illegible]

WHAT IS HE, AND WHO IS HE?

HILLSBORO, Dec 18, 1886.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—"The Color Line in Politics," after the late election in your paper copied in the State papers, noted

Let me say the same is worthy of the age, and the only programme for those who love their State and country.

Take a county government [illegible]

[illegible] Democrats [illegible] Mr. BROWN, [illegible] of the envelope [illegible] which [illegible] "Captain" and "Col." [illegible] the 27th Regiment [illegible] the war between the States.

We cannot guess to exactly [illegible] Mr. BROWN's position in [illegible] He says he is a Republican. When the [illegible] decides the people that he is a Democrat and has been one for fifty years. When it is well known that he has been drawn in [illegible] every campaign since [illegible] Democrat.

He seems to appreciate the position of the JOURNAL on the color line, but wants the county government changed. Why do you want it changed, Mr. BROWN? It is very much like the system of county government that prevailed in North Carolina prior to 1868. The justices were then appointed by the General Assembly and they controlled the finances of the counties. Are the masses of the people more intelligent and better capable of selecting justices and county commissioners now than they were then? Is it any safer now to elect these county officials and justices of the peace by the people than it was previous to the war? We wish to give Mr. BROWN an illustration. As old as he is and as sound a Democrat as he has been, or Republican, whichever he is, he does not seem to understand how the color line works in the East. In the recent election a man was elected constable of a township in Craven county and when he appeared before the county commissioners to give the bond required by law his name had the following words, one above, the other below the line with a cross mark between—"His mark." An executive officer elected by the glorious privileges of the ballot who could neither read nor write. Yet Mr. BROWN thinks the people who elected him ought to have the privilege of electing the managers of the entire finances of the county.

The greatest protection the people in many Eastern counties now have is in the fact that they have county commissioners who will not take straw bonds. A people who will elect a man to fill an executive office that can neither read nor write would elect a board of county commissioners that would take any sort of a bond.

[illegible] Mr. BROWN. Let's not change the county government [illegible] let's go back to the [illegible] system of '68 and '69, and we have broken the color line and the people are taught the importance of nominating and voting for men to fill offices on account of their fitness to fill said offices. The intelligent colored men of this county are beginning to take this view of it, and we have hope that corrupt men will not always be able to rade into office on their votes. The honest laborers and taxpayers want good and competent men to manage their county affairs, and they care but little whether they are elected by the people or by the board of justices.

WHO shall be State Printer? is the question now being discussed by the State papers. The prominent candidates are J. I. McREE of the *News and Observer*, JOSEPHUS DANIELS of the *State Chronicle*, and the present incumbent, P. M. HALE. Either of these gentlemen will fill the bill, and we believe the claims of each are about equally strong. The *Chronicle's* perfect fairness to the Democrats of Craven in the late campaign secures to Mr. DANIELS their good wishes and hope that he may succeed.

From Richlands, N.C.

DEAR JOURNAL:—We say dear because the New Berne JOURNAL is dear to us. It should fail to make its weekly visit we would feel as if a old friend had failed to make his promised call. We have no news of special interest, as we have been out very little lately though we think the farmers in and around here are making as much of the time as possible, hauling muck, straw, leaves and other material for composting, penning hogs and cows, and hauling rails, making fences, etc.

Our young people are anticipating a glorious time Xmas, going to weddings and parties. We [illegible] [illegible] Xmas [illegible] catching numbers of foxes with his two dogs. A Yankee [illegible] a lawsuit with the [illegible] [illegible] off into a new county.

Truly,
W. [illegible]

[illegible] Richmond and Danville R. R. Company [illegible]

[illegible] the news is a proof. A woman [illegible] Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup [illegible] cures all [illegible] wear them.

Jones County Items.

We have a little cold weather now.

Christmas is near; the boys are saving dimes to buy toys, etc.

Corn is selling at Trenton at 50c per bushel; eggs, 15c; turkeys, 5c a pound; etc.

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[illegible] Mr. BROWN, [illegible] Democrat [illegible] Republican [illegible] Democrat [illegible] Republican [illegible] Democrat [illegible] Republican