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EDITORIAL NOTES.

At the [illegible]

In [illegible] North [illegible]

THE [illegible] paper [illegible] the Tariff [illegible] all.

REID's [illegible] appeared [illegible] reciprocity and [illegible] and Finance [illegible]

ALABAMA [illegible] Stevenson [illegible] Magee left [illegible] sion was [illegible]

WEAVER [illegible] the People's [illegible] boy who threw [illegible] the real Nestor.

THE New York [illegible] "They are [illegible] counties in this State [illegible] publican defection.

THE New York [illegible] in those quarters [illegible] far heard from [illegible] seems to be falling and [illegible] cratic rising.

ALL the birds quit Hamburg before the cholera broke out, and the crows have been in flight from our Republican States since the material apathy set in among them.

THE Atlanta Journal says "The North Carolina Third party candidates are seeking the storm. They are wise. The cyclone will break upon them on the 8th November.

THE Gideon band are [illegible] The constitutional convention of 1875 added to section 24 [illegible] of the constitution a declaration that secret political societies are dangerous to the liberties of a free people.

A STRAW which shows [illegible] the presidential wind is blowing is afforded by the fact that the lottery in the New York Herald's presidential guessing contest gives four to one for Cleveland!

THREE things have occurred to make Alabama stand firmly by the Democratic party. Magee of Pennsylvania attempted to unite Alabama Republicans and Populists: Judge Frazier and Clark Pickett were arrested and held to bail for not appointing Third party managers of elections, and Stevenson has made a canvass of the State.

STATISTICS show that American women are growing taller and the men are getting smaller. While American husbands are bending over desks and work benches American wives are stretching their necks to see what is on the bargain counters.—New York Herald.

JOSIAH QUINCY, of Massachusetts, said at Democratic headquarters in New York Saturday that Russell's re-election as Governor of Massachusetts was conceded. The Democrats had an even chance of carrying New Hampshire, and a good chance of winning in Rhode Island!

MRS. LEASE modifies her position. She is only in favor of abandoning Weaver in Republican States. In Democratic States, and especially in the South, she is still for Weaver. "Joe Jones" is Chairman of the Democratic party in Chicago this week. In a letter to the exposition officials he says that he cannot take the great advantage which his friends think would accrue from his visit since Mrs. Harrison's extreme illness will prevent the President from going. Why, Joe, Cleveland would be overwhelmingly nobly? Cleveland [illegible] every inch of him.

THERE is a mistake as to the statements in regard to the condition of affairs in the first district. It is true that the Third party seems stronger than it [illegible] weeks ago, but this is due to the withdrawal of Republican candidates. It is also true that Democratic meetings were held in large last week [illegible] that was owing to the [illegible] number of Democrats [illegible] On some occasions [illegible] were within one and a half miles of each other and [illegible] was necessary to divide the Democracy of the district. [illegible] alert and determined [illegible]

EVERYBODY admits that the election at the North is the greatest ever known in a presidential year. There has been a marked absence of great demonstrations. This may be accounted for by the supposition that it plays are costly, and as far as the Democrats are concerned they [illegible] are concerned [illegible] small campaign fund [illegible] suggest that [illegible] concluded that [illegible] found for their [illegible] bills" than in making [illegible] we are not alarmed [illegible] tion of "soap." A great [illegible] the North is always favorable to the Democrats, and we predict that we will sweep the North as clean as we did two years ago.—News and Observer.

CARR, JARVIS AND KITCHIN AT NEW BERNE.

[illegible] night, Oct. 19th [illegible] and Kitchin [illegible] court house at New [illegible] Carr and Jarvis were [illegible] Mr. James A. Bryan, [illegible] manner, and [illegible] called out from the [illegible] the people.

[illegible] speech was read from [illegible]

There was no at[illegible] was a plain, [illegible] presentation [illegible] campaign. Mr. [illegible] for his [illegible] because of his [illegible] personal identity [illegible] interests [illegible] Mr. [illegible] impressed, not [illegible] because of his wise words but [illegible] of his bearing as a [illegible]

[illegible] a prime [illegible] of North [illegible] in introducing [illegible] only second to [illegible] hearts of the people. [illegible] the State at large, [illegible] localities Jarvis is first [illegible] and without a parallel. [illegible] Jarvis' speech showed [illegible] the great commoner. He [illegible] touch with the masses [illegible] them at his will. Faith [illegible] gave force to argument, [illegible] the current of his elo[illegible] as resistless as a mountain [illegible]

[illegible] silver and the force [illegible] discussed, but it was [illegible] presentation of State issues [illegible] Governor rose to the [illegible] of the great argument and [illegible] his audience in the wild [illegible] enthusiasm. Never did this [illegible] son of North Carolina do better service to the country.

At the conclusion of Gov. Jarvis' speech loud and repeated calls were made for Kitchin. As soon as he appeared everybody new that he would make the fur fly. The Third party was torn into threads and thrown into the lake that burns with brimstone and fire. The Democracy was presented as fair as the moon, bright as the sun and terrible as an army with banners. Cleveland and Carr were extolled, and victory predicted. Wednesday night witnessed an advance of a march upon Democracy.

FOLLY AND MADNESS.

The folly and madness of the Third party has been made sufficiently apparent to satisfy any reasonable minded man. The election of Weaver is an impossibility. If he could be elected his term would expire before his party could get a quorum of Congress. If Weaver are elected and had a Congress they could not enact a law founded on the declared party platform of the Peoples' party that would not be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States.

If the whole people were in favor of Weaver, this generation would pass away before the measures advocated by his party could become operative.

Every day it becomes more and more evident that the only effect of the Third party candidacy in the South is to strengthen Harrison by taking votes from Cleveland.

The Democratic party is the real People's party. It has been so from the announcement of the Government, and will continue to the end of time. Pretensions are practically the relief it promises will be numerous.

The Republican party advocates the most [illegible] change of the present condition of affairs. It insists that the country is prosperous, and claims that the prosperity is the result of the present tariff and existing conditions.

[illegible] the people to decide whether Cleveland or Harrison, Carr or Purdie, will be elected. Weaver and Nixon they are [illegible] Weaver was political folly [illegible] more signally disclosed is now shown by those who are standing from the Democratic party. [illegible] swing to the wind and [illegible] the whirlwind.

[illegible] to extenuate tariff [illegible] taxing of an average [illegible] on woolen goods. [illegible] on woolen as low [illegible] By the McKinley [illegible] duty on woolen [illegible] raised to 50 per cent. On some fabrics of [illegible] duty was raised above 100 [illegible] passing through [illegible] importers, jobbers and [illegible] each paying the duty [illegible] adding something [illegible] of his money, the [illegible] considerable [illegible] per cent, by the [illegible] goods gets into the hands [illegible] consumers.

[illegible] Shaw, the Democratic electoral [illegible] did not fill his [illegible] at New Berne. We [illegible] that he is engaged in [illegible] Dr. Cy. Thompson [illegible] the country. The Doctor [illegible] a lively stepper and under the tutorship of Mr. Shaw is earning to walk spanish" to the delight of Democratic spectators.

THE CAMPAIGN.

In little more than a week the political campaign will be over. Seldom in the history of this country have such stupendous issues been presented to the people.

The Government itself is on trial. The Constitution is the foundation of the Republic, and if it is removed the temple of liberty falls to the ground, crushing the hopes of the people.

The Constitution is the paramount issue in this campaign. The Republican party assails and the Democratic party defends it.

Untutored and misled speakers have said that the declaration that a protective tariff is unconstitutional is a product of this campaign, when in fact it is as old as the Democratic party. Andrew Jackson emphasized it in his farewell address, and his followers have not departed from the teachings of their illustrious chief.

The people of the United States by a large and almost countless majority are attached to the Constitution, and this will impell them to the support of Grover Cleveland its ablest champion and only defender in this campaign.

The reports that come to us from the Democratic headquarters are most cheering. In a late interview Chairman Harrity gives Cleveland 245 electoral votes, Harrison 172 and Weaver 27. Cleveland's majority over all 46, plurality over Harrison 73. He gives Cleveland the electoral votes of Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and six from Michigan. The 27 votes admitted for Weaver will be given by Kansas, Minnesota and Nebraska.

If this estimate is not absolutely correct it approximates the true result so as to leave little or no doubt of the election of Cleveland.

But, to us the State election is not less important than the national. It is the imperative duty of every North Carolinian to see to it that our State ticket is elected, and a Democratic majority in the Legislature secured.

If the signs of the times indicate anything the leading object of the opposition is to secure the legislature and so change the laws as to render Democratic rule impossible in the future. We therefore charge the Democracy to look well to their legislative ticket.

Not less imperative is the obligation to stand by the county ticket. We cannot afford to permit our local affairs to pass into the hands of the Republicans. Fortunately in this locality our county officials have made a splendid record, and there is nothing requiring defense, much less apology.

Work for and vote the whole ticket—National, State, and county, thus meeting the demands of patriotism and securing the blessings of good government.

"FOUR years ago," says ex-Commissioner of Pensions Tanner, at Indianapolis, "I spoke in nearly every county in the State. I know that Harrison's majority was 2,300, and I know that more than 2,300 votes were derived from the Democratic soldier element. I don't know how they are going to vote this year." In 1888 the Democratic Soldiers defeated Cleveland on the pension issue. That being settled, they will vote for him this election. Cleveland is all right!

Some of Cleveland's Sayings.

The legitimaje motion of our Government is to do equal and exact justice to all our people, and grant especial privileges to none.

It is by those who have special interests to serve and not by those whose interests are in common with the masses that the ballot is corrupted.

If the people are capable of self government and are to remain so, there cannot be too many safeguards about the expression of their will.

The discontent of the employed is due, in a large degree, to the grasping and heedless exaction of employers, and the alleged discrimination in favor of capital as an object of governmental attention.

The nation that cannot resist aggression is constantly exposed to it. Its foreign policy is, of necessity, weak, and its negotiations are conducted with disadvantage, because it is not in condition to enforce the terms dictated by its sense of right and justice.

It will not do to say that this is an old and determined contention. The Ten Commandments are thousands of years old, but they and the doctrine of Tariff Reform will be taught and preached until mankind and the Republican party heed the injunction, "Thou shalt not steal."

The laboring man, bearing in his hand an indispensable contribution to our growth and progress, may well insist with manly courage and as a right, upon the same recognition from those who make our laws as is accorded to any other citizen having a valuable interest in charge.

It is evident that tariff regulation by treaty diminishes that independent control over its own revenues which is essential for the safety and welfare of any government. Emergency calling for an increase of taxation may at any time arise, and no engagement with a foreign power should exist to hamper the action of the Government.

GRAND RALLY AT VANCEBORO.

Roasing Ears—Big Barbecue—Thrones of People Present.

Carr, Jarvis and Bryan Herald True Democracy and Sound the Note of Warning.

[illegible] Carr, Jarvis and Bryan [illegible] speech [illegible] Democrats [illegible] upon the people [illegible] people [illegible] section [illegible] other [illegible] how [illegible] protection [illegible] the public plunder [illegible] the tariff, how it made [illegible] manufacturers and [illegible] farmers. All was said [illegible] as to be well understood [illegible] twelve years, as well [illegible] years, and he commanded the [illegible] attention. He warned the Third party radicals as to their impulsive course, pointed out to them the terrible mischief wide spread [illegible] would result to the State if [illegible] attempt to turn it [illegible] Democratic rule.

[illegible] to me, Mr. Editor if any man [illegible] to find speech delivered, as [illegible] such plain and strong language, [illegible] high tariff man, or a third party [illegible] Ephraim joined to his idols" and it would be well to let him alone, [illegible] to State pride, and [illegible] It was a good speech, and such is the [illegible] of all who heard it. There was no attempt at fine language, no high sounding phrases, no [illegible] oratory, nothing to tickle the fancy, but it was one for his hearers to take home with them, and to think and act accordingly and I am positive a surprising good effort will follow. It will be the [illegible] Governor of North Carolina and will make a good one.

Governor Jarvis also spoke; I will not attempt to give a synopsis of his speech, it is sufficient to say, that he is the best known man in the State, with the exception of Vance, and the people have shown their appreciation of his abilities by bestowing upon him the highest office in the State. In truth, he has been one of the best Governors the State ever had, in my day and generation. In whatever position of life he has been placed, he has done his duty well and faithfully, whether on the battle field, in legislative halls, in the exalted position of Governor of a great State, or as accredited Minister to the great Empire of Brazil. He took the helm of the State, when her finances were in an unsettled condition and order emerged from chaos. Her debt was adjusted, her financial basis was made good, her bonds were nearly valueless, now they are far above par, and she has started upon a career of prosperity heretofore unknown in her history. It is the sincere wish of the people that his political usefulness is extended.

He was followed by Mr. James A. Bryan, who fired some malicious assertions that had been made about the county affairs. He explained how the county had been robbed by radicals in authority, how its finances had been restored to a good condition under a Democratic rule, how the county had been reduced from 160 thousand dollars to less than 60 thousand dollars, how her bonds, once worthless, now are at par, and can hardly be bought at that price. How if the radicals wanted that board to take worthless bonds for County officials, their wish would never be gratified, how they were growling about the poll tax, when but few of the growlers paid it, how the Democrats paid the school bills for their children, and much more he told them. In short he skinned the defamer of the County Commissioners badly—it was a telling speech as I ever listened to.

The crowd numbered about one thousand people, and their looking people are seldom, if ever seen. The barbecue was a complete success. There was a large attendance of New Bernians, and they all expressed themselves as much pleased.

J. H.

Rev. H. W. Battle and his Present Pastorate.

Rev. H. W. Battle has a letter in the Biblical Recorder from which we take the following extract knowing that it will be appreciated by many of our readers who would like to hear of Mr. Battle's present work:

Oh, what longing to look upon the faces, and grasp the generous hands of the saints of the Old North State! But alas! it may not be this time, so I seize my pen and send my love (by your favor, Mr. Editor,) to many a brother whose cherished form decks the gallery of memory, and the incense of whose holy influence will fill the sanctuary of being so long as life shall last. I will not call names—they are many—but let me say that, whatever of usefulness the Master may accord to my life, I shall owe in a very large measure—from the human side—to the moulding influences of personal association during my seven years stay in North Carolina. God bless you forever!

I am sure too, many of my friends will be glad to hear from me in my new home, so without apology, I shall write a letter somewhat egotistic in character. First, let me say,—I believe, with all my soul, in the doctrine of special providences, and I have reason since my settlement as pastor of the First Baptist church of this city to be confirmed in the faith.

My health has greatly improved. The distressing barrier of physical incapacity has indeed vanished, and the sympathetic expressions of anxious friends are things of the past.

I have one of the best churches in the State of Virginia, and that means one of the best churches anywhere. With a membership of over six hundred, there is perfect harmony, and the pastor receives tokens of a love and sympathy as full and generous as the angels look down upon. I did fear that, in a church so venerable and conservative, I would find some difficulties in bringing about any progress that might involve innovations, but even that fear has vanished, and we are smashing hoary customs which they stand in the way of the forward march of the Lord's militant host. Last Wednesday evening witnessed the largest attendance upon prayer-meeting within the memory of the oldest member present, and we decided that the Sunday School should have a handsome new upright piano and $250 worth of books added to the library. The finances of the church are in good shape, and on Sunday the collection that piano will add to our music, and the books, if the committee agree on the selections, will soon fill our shelves. But on Monday a collection for the building fund of a struggling sister church brought in quite an extra $1, so I can be cheerful, and every cent is good as cash. Yet this is not a very wealthy church. Religion and system is the secret. The house is full of an Sabbath and will again be full to-morrow (Sunday). God seems about to pour out a gracious spiritual blessing upon us. Dear friend, I beg you pray that it may come.

In our notice of the Democratic rally at Raleigh we omitted to mention the fact that Col. W. H. Lucas was one of the speakers. He spoke half an hour. His address though short was an admirable one.

READ AND REFLECT.

LET ALL PEOPLE HEED THIS.

Is Any White Man of the South Willing to Aid Directly or Indirectly in Bringing These Things to Pass?

The National Republican, published in Washington, D. C., contained the following [illegible]

"With the Lodge National Election Law to drive over the South and various Democratic strongholds up North, we may confidently look for a different state of political affairs than now exists. New York city will then return several more Republican Congressmen than at present, while more than twenty negro representatives from the South will render the Republican control of the future Congress absolutely safe and sure.

"Heavy taxes should be laid upon the property of the whites to develop and extend the public school system of these States. *Separate schools for the two races should be abolished, and the plan of bringing the children of both colors into close and equal relations in the schools and churches should be adopted as one of the most potent means to break down the detestable Bourbonism of the South. The State lines should be wiped out, the press should be expunged,* and any discrimination against the blacks in the matter of hotels, trains or obtaining employment should be a criminal offense—while the colored man's right to hold office should be carefully protected and recognized. A few years of this policy will solve the race problem satisfactorily."

The National Republican is almost an ideal advocate of Harrison's re-election. It voices republican sentiment and republican doctrine, and the language of the above editorial cannot be misunderstood.

Harrison after hearing of the Democratic victories in Florida and Georgia spoke vehemently in favor of bayonets at the polls and said excitedly: "I AM NOW MORE THAN EVER IN FAVOR OF RAMMING A FORCE BILL DOWN THEIR THROATS."

White men of North Carolina, read and reflect.

Can you take any chances and vote anything but the straight Democratic ticket?

The Eclipse.

The eclipse of the sun came to time with sufficient exactness to maintain the reputation of the astronomers. It had escaped our memory to advertise its coming, and it was only when we saw the people getting on the street and looking skyward under their hands, as if "saluting the flag," that we were made aware of its approach.

Pieces of smoked glass were quickly brought into use, and through them the dark body of the moon could be seen to impinge upon the face of the sun, and move across a portion of its disk, showing its edge clear cut and distinct, till apparently one third or more of the suns body was "eclipsed," and it looked in its well defined crescent forms—though far exceeding in brightness—like the moon as it approaches its first quarter.

The diminished amount of light was very apparent. It seemed as if the twilight shadows were rapidly descending, and the day hastening to its decline. But no superstitious fear was felt as in the olden time, perhaps not an adequate degree of awe, or admiration of the divine handiwork. Science gave assurance of safety, and like most similar phenomena in this matter-of-fact age it came and went, and is already well nigh forgotten.

Marriage at Durham.

At Main Street M. E. Church, Durham, N. C. on the 18th inst. Mr Joseph J. Baldwin and Miss Hallie B. Walker were married.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Alex Walker, grandfather of the bride.

A large and fashionable audience assembled at Main Street, to witness the marriage of Mr. Joseph J. Baldwin, one of Durham's leading young business men, to Miss Hallie Bailey Walker, the graceful and gifted daughter of Mr. James W. Walker, formerly of this city. Both being exceptionally popular in social circles throughout the State.

Messrs. W. D. Bethel of Danville Va. Al Bailey, J. H. Sneed, Arthur Lyon, W. M. Rountree, and W. H. Willard, of Durham, acted as ushers. Mr. W. M. Yearby was best man and Miss Alta Cozart, maid of honor. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, left for an extended Northern tour.

The young couple were the recipients of numerous, handsome and costly presents, and was accompanied by warmest congratulations, and good wishes, for their future happiness.

SALEM'S OLD ENGINE.

A Description of the Oldest Fire Engine in the South.

At the express office this morning was a curiosity and an old piece of machinery, being sent from Salem Female Academy to the Raleigh celebration. It was the first fire engine ever brought to America, and was built in 1784. On the pipe is "Johann Thomas, Fuchler Gnadenberg, 1784."

It is a portable affair, looking very much like the large paste tubs used by circus bill posters, having two handles on each end with a long lever or pump handle by means of which the water is forced up through a brass pipe, on the end of which is the hose. By laboring at the lever, a good sized stream is thrown. The old machine is still in good working order, and will be returned to Salem after the Raleigh exhibition.—Greensboro Record.

COMING RAPIDLY.

Twenty-five Republicans in One City for Cleveland.

There are over twenty five citizens of Winston-Salem, formerly Republicans, who will this year vote for Grover Cleveland. Among them are some of the best business men in this community. These men are actuated neither by prejudice or other bad motive, but they have become convinced that the social, political and commercial prosperity of the South will be favored by the election of Cleveland, while on the other hand the attitude of the Republican party is unfriendly to the South and Southern interests.

A VICIOUS PLOT EXPOSED!!

The Liberties and Freedom of the People in Danger.

A SECRET POLITICAL ORGANIZATION EQUALED ONLY BY THE UNION LEAGUE.

Letter From J. S. Bell, Senator From Clay, and M. L. Reed, Member of the House From Buncombe, Showing Organizaion of the Band of "Gideons" in North Carolina.

S. OTHO WILSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY, CHIEF.

Thirty "Reliefs" in Each County, 300 in Each Congressional District, Making Over 2,500 in the State.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., 7, 1892.

Dear Sir—I have your recent favor enquiring about my connection with the order known as Gideon's Band, and in answer would say: S. Otho Wilson initiated me in the order of Gideonites at Goldsboro in August, 1891, on my return from State Alliance which met at Morehead. He kept the obligation I took and I do not know its exact terms, but will assure you it was a regular "raw head and bloody bones" affair. I was ashamed of it as soon as I found out what it was, and have had nothing to do with it since. If I had known before hand what it was I would not have joined it. But Wilson told us that it was a good thing and would aid the Alliance cause, and being an earnest Alliancemen I joined.

As soon as I thought about it after having learned what it was, I saw it was a dangerous thing, and no honest man could have anything to do with it.

Tom Long told me the other day I was the captain of the Third party being a failure up here. I reckon he had reference to my failure to work and fight in Gideon's army.

The plan of the Gideon's Band, as I remember it is about this. There is a State Chief, who was at that time, as I understood, S. Otho Wilson; there is also a Chief in each Congressional district, and a sub-Chief in each county, whose is to obey and have executed the orders of their immediate Chiefs, they getting their's from the State Chief. A failure to obey is made in the obligation a very serious offence. There are three hundred members of the band in each Congressional district—the number in each county I have forgotten.

I am thoroughly impressed with the idea that this is a dangerous order if it is being worked in North Carolina. About this I don't know, because, as I said, I concluded to have nothing to do with it as soon as I learned what it meant, and as I came out strong for the Democrats soon after I was initiated by Mr. S. Otho Wilson I suppose they became afraid of me. At least, Wilson did not send the papers he said he would send to me.

Yours truly,

(Signed) M. L. REED.

HON. F. M. SIMMONS,
Raleigh, N. C.

BELL CROSS, Camden Co., N. C.,
October 12th, 1892.

HON. F. M. SIMMONS, Chairman,
Raleigh, N. C.:

My Dear Sir—Answering your favor of recent date, in which you ask me to give you for publication what I know about the existence in North Carolina of an order known as the "Gideon Band," I would say, at Gatesville, in Gates Co., in December, 1891, Mr. S. Otho Wilson, in the presence of Mr. James F. Brinson, of Pamlico county (District Lecturer for the First District,) being then State lecturer, proposed to me that I should become a member of the said order. I replied to Mr. Wilson that I could not consent to connect myself with the Band unless he would first reveal to me the character and purpose of the order. This he consented to do upon my promising secrecy. Mr. Wilson then read me the obligation which he wished me to take, and outlined the general objects and purposes of the order.

The organization was a very rigid one, and according to my best recollection the penalty of a disclosure of the secrets of the order was death.

The plan of organization was as follows: A National Chief, a State Chief, a District Chief and a County Chief. The State Chief received his orders from the State Chief, and the County Chief from the District Chief. The membership in each Congressional District was 300, and in each county, I think, no more than 30. This thirty were to be especially selected for their efficiency and influence, true and tried men who could be relied upon under all circumstances, in all meetings etc.

It was the duty of these chiefs and members to obey and execute all orders emanating from their superiors. Mr. Wilson stated that the object of the organization was to aid and promote the Reform movement. The initiation fee was $2.00. This conversation took place after Mr. Wilson's return from the Indianapolis Alliance Council.

After Mr. Wilson had revealed the whole thing to me, I told him I regarded the movement, as outlined by him, as being a very dangerous one, and that I thought it would result in the destruction of the Alliance and the defeat of the Reform movement then proposed, and I positively refused to have anything to do with it. Mr. Wilson then burned in my presence the obligation which he had read to me, and pretended he was merely considering the advisability of organizing the order, although I have since learned he had initiated Mr. M. L. Reed, of Buncombe, during the previous August, and appointed him chief in the 9th Congressional district.

During this conference Mr. Wilson stated to Mr. Brinson that he had selected him to be chief in the 1st Congressional district.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) J. S. BELL.

MR. EDITOR:—Through the medium of the press I desire to lay before the people of North Carolina two letters recently addressed to me by Mr. M. L. Reed, a member of the present House of Representatives and a prominent member of the Alliance, and Mr. J. S. Bell, a member of the present State Senate, and recently State Alliance Lecturer, disclosing the existence in this State of an unlawful and dangerous secret political society, whose chief is S. Otho Wilson, the official head of the People's party in North Carolina.

The letters show conclusively that this society did exist in this State but recently, and if it has ceased to exist, the duty of showing this fact rests upon the men who it is shown introduced it.

In exposing this dangerous scheme to the liberties of the people and the peace and good will of society, these gentlemen but discharge a plain duty of good citizenship. The facts which they have disclosed clear the mists from the present anomalous political situation in North Carolina, and explain many things connected therewith, otherwise unaccountable because so radically at variance with all the known characteristics of our people. It accounts for the refusal on the part of many of those supposed to be under the influence of this society to hear discussion upon important questions affecting vitally their highest interests; it accounts for their refusal to read literature not having the stamp and sanction of the leaders in this movement; it accounts for their bad temper and the absence in their political conduct of that independence and conservatism which has ever been a distinguished characteristic of the North Carolina "breed" wherever found; it accounts for the automatic and subservient manner in which in their political evolutions they move and act; it accounts for the remark we frequently hear coming from the simpler but more honest of these people to the effect that they cannot do what they know and admit to be their political duty because they are sworn to do otherwise, and it accounts for the humiliating fact that a people hitherto brave and free have apparently surrendered their independence, fettered their consciences and ceased to act as free men.

I need not go into an explanation of how these results might logically flow from the means employed, for every intelligent man will readily understand how easily a few men acting together in secret under common orders and to a common end may shape and direct the action of a multitude, each individual acting for himself.

As the existence of this secret society, acting upon and directing the political convictions of these people accounts for the eccentricities which have marked their recent conduct, so that conduct corroborates and supports the evidence I now lay before the people of its active existence in our midst.

The presence here of the Band of Gideon recalls all too vividly the "Union League, or Heroes of America," that night-mare of 1868, which in the name of charity and in the form of benevolence became the secret auxiliary of a corrupt, political party, and brought every home and fireside in the land under the shadow of a band which neither the laws of God or man could stay against the inexorable command of its invisible chief. It will be recalled how under the fostering care of that party this terrible organization gained such ascendency here that it required a counter secret society and all but revolution to break its hold upon the liberties of our people.

It was thought both of these societies and all similar organizations admittedly dangerous in a free country like ours, had been crushed out in North Carolina never to return again. The rigorous law against secret political associations now upon our statute books were placed there with the experience of those days fresh in the minds of our people, and express their determination never again to tolerate in our midst such a menace to liberty.

Both of these societies, the one against which this legislation was aimed, and the one which now defies it are of foreign inception, and were born of disorders and agitations from which we are happily exempt.

The "Union League" was of Northern birth, begotten of the troublous times which immediately preceded its introduction here, and the "Gideon's Band" is the offspring of that wild recklessness which characterizes the incongruous nationalities which constitute the lower strata of western metropolitan life, and which now and then breaks forth in Hay Market riots and Mafia butcheries.

A man better acquainted than Mr. Wilson with the sentiments of our people would not have attempted to transplant and introduce here an institution so obnoxious to our most cherished conceptions and ideas of free, open and honorable political action. If he was himself imbued with the wild vagaries and methods of the "Orders" and "Unions" with which he was thrown in contact on his visit to the west immediately preceding his overtures to Mr. Bell, his better judgment should have taught him they were out of joint with the preconceived notions of our people, and could only result in injury to the cause he wished to advance.

There have been many rumors and whisperings of the existence here of this dangerous "Band," but until the letters of Messrs. Bell and Reed there was no tangible evidence; and I now submit these proofs with full confidence that the conservatism of our people will not be slow to repudiate it, and fittingly rebuke the desperate agitators and demagogues who dare I introduce it.

F. M. SIMMONS,
Chairman Dem. State Ex. Com.

A Sad Accident.

Last Saturday night while on his way home from Kinston, Mr. John M. Noble, who lived near Repose postoffice, met with a terrible accident, which resulted in his death about 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

The accident occurred about 7 o'clock in the evening near Woodington school house. Mr. Noble was driving a very wild horse to a road cart and had his shafts tied down with a rope. In going down the hill in front of the school house, the rope came untied and the horse was frightened by the road cart running against him and when the horse jumped away Mr. Noble was thrown forward and becoming entangled his face was horribly crushed in by the kicking of the vicious animal.

Dr. C. B. Woodley was summoned to the dying man, but his services were of no avail except perhaps to ameliorate his suffering.

Mr. Noble was a well-to-do farmer, a man of influence, a sterling Democrat, and his sad death is regretted by many. He leaves a wife and several children. His life was insured for about $5,000.—Kinston Free Press.

TRENTON DEMOCRACY ABLAZE.

One Hundred and Thirty-six Mounted Horsemen, Escort Carr and Jarvis In Town.

The Democrats of Jones County are doing a fine work. Hon. Elias Carr and Gov. Thos. J. Jarvis, spoke at Trenton on Thursday the twentieth inst. One hundred and thirty-six mounted men by actual count, met Carr and Jarvis, three miles out from town with a band of music, and escorted them into town, where they paraded the principal streets. The speeches of Mr. Carr and Gov. Jarvis were grand. They held the crowd for four hours. It was estimated, that fifteen hundred to two thousand people were in attendance. Jones County was never more enthusiastic.

If the third party has any following there it did not show itself in Trenton.

A big barbecue was served and everybody fed with plenty. The ladies were there and did noble work in assisting in carrying out the ceremonies of the day.

Chairman Whitaker and his able corps of assistants are to be congratulated for the good judgment and successful management of the occasion. Jones County is no laggard in this fight. She knows her country need and unless all signs of the times fail, election day will prove that her duty has been performed, and a glorious victory the result.

New Boarding House.

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The old and reliable firm of Cohn & Weisel was established in Newbern in 1852. The oldest house now in the city and the only surviving member of which is Adolph Cohn, who has been engaged in the Music business for the past ten years and is now located on Craven street, three doors below the City Hall. I would be pleased to inform my friends, patrons and the public generally that I have secured the large and elegant brick building formerly occupied by John Patterson, deceased, where I have ample accommodations for properly conducting my large and increasing business, and will constantly keep on hand

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The proprietor, Adolph Cohn, would take this occasion of returning his thanks to those who have taken an interest in his welfare, and would respectfully solicit the continuance of the kindly feeling of his friends. Respectfully,

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