

Civil Service Reform. We prefer a Democrat to a Republican of equal character.

1888.

FOR PRESIDENT DAVID B. HILL, OF NEW YORK, FOR VICE PRESIDENT JOHN G. CARLISLE, OF KENTUCKY.

We notice that Rev. Dr. H. K. Simons, of Texas, in a speech in the St. Louis Presbyterian Convention referred to Albert Sidney Johnson as the "greatest man that ever walked the earth."

Ex-Congressman Kitchin, now editor of the Scotland Neck Democrat, says that if Mr. Cleveland is re-nominated he (Mr. Kitchin) will have to be counted out. Cleveland is not good enough a Democrat for him.

That is no brother. But what harm can come out of that? And the whole country from East to West from North to South, both black and white, both Republicans and Democrats, both Mugwumps and Independents, both Civil Service reformers and all the business men of the country, and Wall Street and the Interstate Commerce Commission thrown in for good measure all howling for Cleveland in 1888? We have stood by the Democratic party and its principles from the organization of the Republican party before the war until the day Cleveland was elected, giving our time money and life to the success of the party. We have fought in every contest, we have never flinched or uttered one discouraging word in all these years gone by. We have been denounced and abused by the Republicans for the last twenty five years as the most radical and hardest working Democrat in all this land and our own political household said Amen to all we did. Yet as soon as the party gained a national victory after twenty years of defeat, we were told by Grover Cleveland, the man that all the world is hawking after, that neither the country nor the Democratic party had any use for partisans and workers, that the administration and the government would be run on different principles from any heretofore, and that the Democratic party could not be trusted, and that Mr. Cleveland would not trust any but his personal friends, the Mugwumps, the deserters from the Republican party, the Civil Service reformers and the Republicans then in office. And as we belong to none of these classes, and God forbid we ever shall, we thought we might take a rest in case Cleveland should be the nominee in 1888. And especially did we think we would be excusable if not justified in this course, since we are the only man in the United States opposed to him, and can not conscientiously support him. And being an insignificant fly on an elephant's back without weight or influence, we thought a rest advisable.

OUR GREAT SENATOR.

We doubt that there be a man in this Union more beloved by the people of his State than Zebulon B. Vance. This true occasionally a political non-descript or new-spinner pigmy will relieve himself of his superfluous gas at the expense of our great Senator. But what does such abuse amount to? Only this, it recoils with damaging effect upon the head of the detractor.—Windsor Ledger.

Correct. You are level-headed. No man worth a pinch of snuff ever lived who did not have enemies. A man who has no enemies has no friends. Show us a positive man and we will show you a man with strong enemies and strong friends. Show us a negative man and we will show you a man that has neither strong enemies nor strong friends; yes we will show you a man that has nothing in him, that always comes in as a compromise man or a dark horse, or a man that has no principles, a milk-and-cider man, a man who is all things to all men. Vance has enemies, strong enemies, but he has friends, strong friends. But above all he has the affections of the people of North Carolina, and no man or set of men can alienate or drive the people from him. No, no, let the peggons fire away at the great Senator. If they can stand it he can. And besides these little fellows have a right to have their fun. They have the same right to have their fun by playing goat on the bull's horn, or fly on the chariot wheel as we have to play fly on

the elephant's back. Let 'em alone. Every man has a right to have fun and when it disturbs no one, we are in favor of granting a free dispensation for them to run at large in the fields of pleasure. We are standing by Vance until the mountains crumble away, until the stars fall, until water refuses to seek a level, and until he turns Mugwump and negro. Then, good bye, farewell forever.

Blot Out the Color Line.

The boss man in the White House seems determined to blot out all distinction between white and black, socially, politically, legally and civily. As to the three latter distinctions we have not a word to say other than we don't believe the time has come or ever will come when we shall not be two separate distinct peoples, as unlike in politics, customs, religion and civilization as the bald eagle and the black bird, the sparrow and the crow. As to social equality we enter our earnest, heart felt protest. We do this in behalf of the helpless of our own race and blood, in behalf of the ignorant and superstitious black race. We do it in behalf of reason, justice, common sense and fair dealing. We do it in behalf of method, order, system and decency. We do it in behalf of the Christian religion, political freedom and the civilization of the world. If Grover Cleveland wants to come down upon an equality with the negro socially, let him blot it out as the head and representative of the Democratic party. If he wants to become a negro let him paint his skin black and kick his hair and march down into the valley of darkness, but don't let any Southern white man follow him in his degradation and disgrace. If he thinks negroes are President makers, as is a fool, no Republican was ever President by negro votes, and God forbid any Democrat ever shall be. This is our country. This is our government. The negro is here as an incident or an accident. It is not his native country nor is it his government. By the laws of God it is not his home. It is by the violation and perversion of those laws he is here. He is incompetent and incapable of self-government. He is by nature as well as by education and training the inferior of the Anglo-Saxon race. He is not a bad man, but he is terribly ignorant, we fully superstitious, vicious by preference, fanatical in all his ways and hates a white man like the devil hates holy water. He is separated from us by a great gulf. Politically he is a Republican (let that mean what you may) in spite of the devil and all his angels. And yet some of our people as well as Cleveland think he can be induced to vote the Democratic ticket. It is all nonsense and balderdash. As a race they will always for the next fifty years at least vote against the Democratic party. They would never have voted the Republican ticket if they had known the Republican party was composed of white men like ourselves. Blot out the color line by endorsing Cleveland as the god of the Democratic party, and you will find white men voting with the negroes much sooner than you will find negroes voting with the white men. Blot out the color line and this State will go Republican by forty thousand majority. Draw it and she is Democratic forever.

AND THIS IS DEMOCRACY.

Mr. Manning after the election of Mr. Cleveland and his inauguration appointed a committee to investigate the Custom House frauds in New York. This committee was composed of two Republicans and one Democrat. The report was unsatisfactory. Six months thereafter he appointed a committee composed of two Republicans and one Democrat. This committee reported but with no better result than the former. And this is called a Democratic administration. It seems that Mr. Cleveland has done all in this power to hide the Republican frauds, and prevent the books from being opened, the frauds exposed and the rascals turned out. But this is Democracy pure and simple; and a fellow who demurs is at once denounced and ruled out of the party. Rule us out, we say devil take such Democracy. We prefer a straight Republican to a Mugwump and we would prefer death to a Republican. Give us a Democrat who believes that the patronage of the government belongs to the party in power, we are out.

If a committee is appointed it is composed of a majority of Republicans. If a board of examiners is appointed it is composed of a majority of Republicans. If a Board of promotion is appointed it is composed of thirteen Republicans and one Democrat. The heads of nearly all the Bureaus and Divisions in the Departments are Republicans, and seven tenths of all the clerks in these branches of the service are Republicans. Trotter a carpet-bag negro is Recorder of Deeds in

Washington, Pearson a Republican with several hundred Republican clerks under him, is post-master in New York City. Mr. Thompson, a Republican, with over one hundred clerks under her is post-mistress in Louisville, Kentucky. And we could extend the list ad infinitum; and with this showing after three years of Cleveland's term is passing away the present administration is called Democratic; and we are told that all this satisfies the business men, and is intended to satisfy the business men of the country. Well here are not business, honest, intelligent men in the party to fill these jobs, it is all as it should be. But a Democratic party ought to be husbanded and not deceived and humiliated by any longer as to its ability to manage and control this great government of ours.

Pollock's Ferry Farm.

We were upon Pollock's Ferry farm a few days ago, and in our judgment it is the finest grass and stock farm on Roanoke river. We have never seen such quantities of native grass in all our life on any one farm. We believe that farm will produce grass enough this year to feed and graze fifteen hundred head of cattle summer and winter. It is strange to us that the owner of this farm does not turn his attention to raising stock or put it into the hands of some one for that purpose. Outside of these grass lands there is some fifteen acres crop of open lands on the farm in a fine state of cultivation. This farm is well adapted to growing clover and timothy. In fact grasses of every kind will grow luxuriantly on this or any other farm on this river. There is had enough on this river in Halifax county to produce more than one million bushels of corn, and raise and winter fifty thousand head of cattle. How long will it be before these lands will be utilized as before the war? Here in Halifax county we can beat Kentucky in raising fine and valuable stock, yet we buy our mules in Kentucky, our meat in Chicago, our flour in Cincinnati, our butter in New York. Before the war droves of hogs and cattle were driven from this county to Virginia, besides leaving enough at home to supply home demands. What was done before the war can be done now. Let us be up and doing. Life is too short to be idle in such a county as this. Let us do or die.

Farming, No Disgrace.

There is a strong disposition among young men to get from the farm to the counting room or in some of the professions. There never was a greater mistake. Of all the callings and professions to which men belong, farming is the most honorable, the most dignified, the most independent. None but fools and idiots look upon farming as a low calling. God as far as he created man put him to raising stock and cultivating the soil. It is the chosen calling set apart by God for man in the beginning before the world had any use for merchants, bankers, traders, lawyers, preachers, school teachers, statesmen, politicians, Mugwumps and Civil Service reformers. None of the professions offer greater inducements or better opportunities for accumulating a competency in life, for living happy, comfortably and independent of all the world. The active successful farmer makes his own most and bread and to spare for others. He has under his own vine a fig tree, a milk, utter, pot, pigs, chickens, turkeys, eggs, potatoes and all kinds of vegetables. No one has him to feed, clothe and educate, but he feeds, clothes and educates others. He neither cheats, deceives, defrauds nor swindles others, but others live off of his honest toil. The temptation to do wrong is less in farming than in any other profession so to speak. In addition to the above named advantages in farming, men, when vigilant, find a virtuous and economical growth rich upon a firm foundation of quicker and more easily than in any other honorable calling.

We admit that men get rich very rapidly sometimes as lawyers, merchants, bankers, traders, speculators and so on, but riches thus made and accumulated never times out in one's life that nine times out of ten render the man miserable or his riches take wings and fly away. While the farmer grows rich so gradually, naturally and so honorably that his peace of mind is never disturbed, his habits are never changed, temptation never leads him astray, and he is hardly ever led captive at the will of the devil and his angels. How many prosperous success-stuff farmers did you ever know to gamble, to drink liquor to excess, to visit bawdy houses, to commit crime, to cheat, defraud or swindle their neighbors, to go to jail or to the penitentiary? The number we venture is very small. It is the other classes that fill the saloons, the houses of

ill fame, the jails, the penitentiaries and swing 'y the neck until dead for murder. The unhappy man is a who tries to make money at the expense of others as son of a b—, merchants, bankers and traders do by deception, fraud and other devil's. We don't mean to say by this that all men who cultivate the soil are honest and all others are dishonest. We simply mean to say that an honest, industrious, vigilant farmer has many advantages over an dishonest, unscrupulous, vigilant man in any other calling. We know some farmers who mean to live or die. But we are speaking now of farmers as a class. And we verily believe the future of the farmer in this State is brighter and more hopeful than the future of any other class. We would advise young men to cling to the farm and stay out of the professions. Nine men out of every ten who study law are failures.

"Joy, Hill has appointed Fred Grant, son of the General, Quartermaster General. What does that mean? Is Fred a Democrat?—Willington News.

"Probably Hill has become a convert to the Civil Service 'management.' We sympathize with Brother Kitchin. His great apostle and high priest has gone to Cleveland being things said."—Durham Tobacco Plant.

"What does the Scotland Neck Democrat think of Gov. Hill's appointment of Fred Grant (son of Gen. Grant) Quartermaster General? We don't think Fred has experienced any change of heart."—Elizabeth City Tribune.

The Plant extends its sympathy to us; this is very kind and we thank the brother. But just at this time we need no sympathy. Hill is all solid. He appointed Fred Grant for the very best of reasons and from the purest and loftiest motives. The Pollock wants to know what the Scotland Neck Democrat thinks of Governor Hill's appointment of Fred Grant. Well, we think very highly of it. We think Hill has stamped himself a gentleman, a Democrat and an honest, shrewd politician, who always has the good of the party at heart. A great many men sell themselves up as editors of papers, as formulators of public opinion, as public instructors, as leaders of public thought, and as leaders of great political parties. All such ought to learn themselves before they undertake to teach or instruct others. The blind leading the blind is a lamentable spectacle. If our brethren would post themselves on what constitutes Democracy, and on the different statutory laws in the different States by which each governor is controlled, if he is an honest Democrat, in his appointments, they would not exhibit their want of common information and get into pitfalls to frequent. With the same propriety we might have asked why Cleveland appointed two Republicans on the Interstate Commerce Commission. But both the Plant and Pollock would have cried out that a fool, and we should have felt badly and pleaded guilty. Well, the New York law said which party should fill this position and Hill did well in selecting a gentleman and an honest man from among the Politicians.

The national drill in Washington is somewhat of a failure. We are really glad that so few Southern soldiers attended. When the colored troops marched into line on Wednesday the Vicksburg and Memphis companies withdrew. They had been deceived by the promises that were telegraphed throughout the South. The Post thus gilds the hearts of its readers of a certain type:—Within half an hour after the colored companies had marched off indignantly to their tents, the President of the United States was shaking hands cordially with those same colored soldiers and welcoming them to the White House. Equality depends on intrinsic qualities, not on extrinsic conditions.

What does the South think of the cool impudence of that last fling?—Star.

Three officers for the Vicksburg and Memphis companies. They have preserved their manhood, sustained the dignity and greatness of our Southern homes, and recognized the line drawn between the races by the finger of God. Noble boys. May God bless you now, henceforth and forever. Cursed, three cursed be the name or party that would blot out that line. Grover Cleveland has insulted the manhood and dignity of the South. He deserves the condemnation of every Democrat in the South except the negro lovers, the negro worshippers and negro equality men and the Mugwumps. No Southern man ought to have attended the drill at Washington, but after committing the first blunder, the next best thing that could be done, was to resent the insult offered. The Northern Democrat who would degrade the South is no better than the Southern scoundrel. He who would blend white and black indiscriminately together is a traitor, or demagogue, a hot-house politician, a nut on a nutted fool, and an enemy to his race, to his country and to his God. We have a profound contempt for that man or party who would reconstruct either race, or blot out the distinction made by the God of creation. But

please pardon us, who care for the contempt of only on an elephant's back, and that elephant in the White House?

President Cleveland is pitiless in his cruel persecution of the signed minority of the State. He refuses to supply them with grievances, and persists in disappointing them and making them ridiculous by appointing prominent life-long Democrats to office. The latest instance of such unfeeling conduct on his part is the appointment of Marshal Stafford in Brooklyn. Mr. Stafford is not merely a Democrat, he is a Democrat trusted in the councils of his party. He is a Democrat by inheritance also, for his father was a Democrat. Now what can the ridiculous administration do about a case like this?—New York Star.

A hue and cry is raised from ocean to ocean, when Cleveland does a Democratic act, about his Democratic and his non-civil service reformers are disappointed and sneered at to a cocked hat. The Mugwump papers like the Star go into spasms when the White House appoints a part from his regular routine of retaining and appointing Republicans and Mugwumps, and appoints a Democrat. Well, why don't your master do those clever things often? Why not be a Democrat all the while, and not by jerks and spasms? Why not kill out all opposition and unite the Democracy by ceasing to be a traitor to the party and its principles and by adopting Democratic methods, practicing Democratic principles, and pursuing a Democratic policy? If to appoint life-long Democrats to office is a "persecution of the anti-administration editors," why has Mr. Cleveland not followed that business for the last two years? Why does he not follow that honorable, respectable, noble calling for the next two years? We are one of those anti-administration editors referred to and we could not be better pleased, nor could we rejoice more than we would could we see all the Republicans and Mugwumps, independent of the George William Curtis order, turned out and life-long Democrats turned in. But turning out Republicans and putting in life-long Democrats is such a rare occasion at Washington that the administration papers feel compelled to call attention to the fact whenever it occurs. Well, every man to his own notions. We take no Cleveland, no negro, no civil service, no independent, no mugwump, no Republican in ours. We prefer to be "fly on the elephant's back" editing the Democrat.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE.

What interest has the people in the Democratic party, more than they have in the Republican party as it is now controlled? What rights or benefits accrue to the people more, under a Democratic administration than under a Republican administration? If there is any difference between the Fraudulent Hayes administration, the Arthur administration and the Cleveland administration so far as the people are concerned, we have not been able to see it. Taxes are no lower. No less money has been collected from the people. No less money has been expended. The surplus is much larger in the Treasury. The money power of the country is much stronger and more oppressive. Freight on railroads are much higher. The prices of meat, corn, hay, cotton and other articles are about the same. The sun shines about the same, water runs about the same, and the seasons are about the same. People are born and people die just as before, and they are married and are given in marriage. The only difference we can discover, is this. Cleveland and his personal friends regardless of party receive the honors and draw the money from the Federal exchequer instead of Hayes and his party or Arthur and his party. The only difference we see Hayes and Arthur distributed the spoils of office equally among the workers of their party, while Cleveland ignores his party, declares for a non-partisan administration, and denounces the spoils system so called, and then distributes the spoils with a lavish hand among his personal friends, kinsmen, mugwumps and non-artisans, and swears he will be damned if any man who is a partisan Democrat, or who does not, denounce him as an individual, and declare him the biggest man in the Democratic party and the greatest man born of woman, will get any of the spoils. While he is denouncing the spoils system with his lips and through his harlequins, he is signing commissions with his hands giving out spoils to the mugwumps, non-partisan friends, weak kneed Republicans. He thinks he is smart and that no one understands his tricks. He is placing the spoils where they will do him most good. As a proof of this you can find an office anywhere either Democrat or Republican or Mugwump or Independent, but it is for Cleveland. Well, any fellow ought to praise the bridge

that carries him over safe. It is a mean thief that steals the mule and then sets fire to the stable. We do not blame these fellows. But we do say cursed be Cleveland's spoils system. We also say to the victors belong the spoils rather than to the traitors, deserters or cowards of either side, or to the honorable though common enemy.

Crops were never better for the time of the year. We have never seen such good stands of cotton. We have never seen better weather for putting crops to apple pie order. Everything looks well, grasses are growing finely, the sun is shining warmly, the birds are singing sweetly, and all nature seems to be rejoicing together except the pointer puppies and my old wife. The puppies set the little turkeys in the cat patch and they thought they had set a covey of birds and at the command "go on" from one of the children, four puppies sprang among the little turkeys and some of them passed away and bless your soul some of the puppies came very near passing also. Did you ever see a mad wife? If you have we don't want you to see another, but if you have not, let the "pointer" pup" kill a young turkey, and then laugh at the wife as though you thought it might be smart in that pup to kill that turkey, but be sure the door is opened and don't have on heavy boots; not the rheumatism in your joints.

COME TO NORTH CAROLINA.

We mean just what we say when we say in the cold North and West there are millions of people who could do much better in the South than they are doing or can do where they are. There may not be any gold mines, or silver mines, or iron mines, or copper mines here, but we have the earth and its fullness. We have here in North Carolina the finest climate in the world. We can produce a greater variety of products here on this line of latitude than can be produced on any other section of the globe. The hog, the sheep, the cow, the horse and the mule can all be raised here as cheaply and as quickly as on any other spot of this globe. Corn, wheat, rye, oats, barley, potatoes as well as tobacco and cotton can be produced here in abundance.

There is no reason, nor can be any why North Carolina should not be the first State in the Union in wealth, productivity and general prosperity during the next twenty years. There is no state healthier than North Carolina. If our soil is not so rich now, it can be made so within a short period with energy, pluck and capital. Our lands are the cheapest in the Union in comparison to their productivity. Our State is crossed and crisscrossed with railroads, and rivers. Daily mails almost reach every family. We are nearer the markets of the world than three-fourths of the States. Our people are not surprised in kindness, hospitality and noble heartedness. Our State is out of debt comparatively speaking. The last legislature levied only twenty cents on the hundred dollars worth of paper. We think twenty-three or four cents will more than answer for county purposes. Lands can be bought here for ten dollars per acre that will we believe command within the next decade twenty-five and thirty dollars per acre. Before the war, these same lands sold readily for twenty and thirty dollars and will go there again and that soon.

We need both labor and capital to make our section bloom and blossom like a rose. Men of small capital can do better here than any where else we verily believe. Lumber is cheap, rent is cheap, land is cheap. It will not be so always. As soon as our people discover that cotton is not king, they will have entered on the royal high road to success, and we induce one hundred or five hundred Northern farmers to settle in our midst, without deceiving them, with their pluck, energy, vim and experience in raising grain, stock and the grasses we should feel that we had conferred a great blessing on the incomers as well as on our own community. We need new life in a new direction. We have run in the same old rut so long that it really seems impossible to get out. We need in this State two hundred thousand more white laborers than we now have. But how to get them here is the question. We have done and will do all we can, without misleading or deceiving. We will not, we can not write a thing but the truth to induce people to come here. It shall never be said that we deceived any one by leading out, false lights or false inducements to come to old North Carolina.

The Emporia (Kansas) paper speak of Mr. F. H. Bostock, of Raleigh, in glowing terms of praise. Speaking of the speech made in defense of Mr. Yarboro at that place,

the Emporia Herald says: "The speech of Mr. Bostock was a very fine specimen of the art of the orator. His speech was a model of the art of the orator. He made in the court house a speech which held the strict attention of the audience and was one of the best ever heard and powerfully delivered."

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M. A. MERRITT, vs. To M. A. Merritt, the above named.

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You will therefore appear in court to be held at the Court House in Halifax town on the 10th day of January, 1888. If you fail to appear on the day named, the Court will render judgment against you or the plaintiff, as the case may be, and the plaintiff will be allowed to proceed to the Court for the relief of the complaint.

You are also further notified that a warrant of attachment has been issued against your real estate, and the estate of Robert White, the plaintiff, in the above named case, and the plaintiff will be allowed to proceed to the Court for the relief of the complaint. This the 25th of April 1888. JOHN T. BOSTOCK, Clerk Superior Court.

MONEY.

Persons wishing to negotiate or apply to me, I can secure more than a year. Nothing but Halifax county paper will be taken as security. W. A. DUNN.