THE DEMOCRAT.

E. E. HILLIARD - - - EDITOR.

FRIDAY JANUARY 20, 1888

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☞Civil Service Reform.
☞We prefer a Democrat to a Republican of equal character.
☞No honest and true Republican asks to be retained, and none other should be retained. In the South, a sweep with a clean broom is demanded by all Democrats.
☞"Turn the rascals out."

THE DEMOCRAT FOR 1888.

The DEMOCRAT will be as good a paper for 1888 as it possibly can. It will be faithfully to its friends and generous to its foes.

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Senator Beck, of Kentucky, has been re-elected.

South Carolina has passed a law against cock fighting. It seems a timely end to such cruelty.

We agree with the Wilson Advance that gambling at our fairs ought to be stopped. We have heard some of our best citizens, and officers of the Weldon fair say as much. How shall it be done?

And now they say that some of the Representatives are trying to get the chance to hire private secretaries with the people's money.

Must the people pay these men's board bills, laundry bills and all?

The Senate confirmed Mr. Lamar's nomination on Monday of this week, by a vote of 32 to 28. Messrs. Riddelaerger, Stanford and Stewart voted with the Democrats.

The South is to have a good man now on the Supreme court bench.

The executive committee of Wake Forest College have selected Dr. Chas. L. Reese, of Baltimore, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Duggan.

Dr. Reese is an A. M. of the University of Virginia, Ph. D. of Heidelberg, and comes with strong recommendations from John Hopkins University.

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All debts to the DEMOCAT are due us. The purchase of the paper included all dues not paid in advertising by the 1st of January.

We do not wish to seem over anxious about what is due on our books, but a revision of our list is necessary, and we wish to have every one on the new list square, if possible. We shall wait one issue after this before beginning the revision of our list of subscribers. Now, if you have decided not to continue taking the DEMOCAAT, don't return your paper with it simply marked "refused." It is but fair, if you send the paper back to us, to send what you owe on back subscription. Don't lay down the paper now and think no more about it, for by attending to it you will save us much trouble.

BLAIR BILL.

There are objections to this bill that we could not notice in our last issue. In fact, the whole thing is becoming to be an annoyance even to the Senate.

The sixth section of the bill provides what studies shall be taught in State schools where the States furnish their own school houses, pay for administrsting the law, and at least one half of the expenses of giving instructions.

The fifth section reads: "The Secretary of the Interior is charged with the proper administration of this law, through the Commissioner of Education; and they are authorized and directed, under the approval of the President, to make all needful rules and regulations, not inconsistent with its provisions, to carry this law into effect."

It is easy to see by reading the fifth and sixth sections together, that the States which shall receive aid through the provisons of this bill will have dictated to them by the Federal Government what text books shall be used in the education of their children. This will certainly be, regardless of what party is in power. If the President of the nation shall be a good Democrat, then this dictation will be made to those States receiving the aid. If the President of the nation shall be a corrupt Republican, then the same dictation must be tolerated.

Now, laying all Southern prejudice and sectional feeling aside, what intelligent man in this country is willing to have his boys taught from text books which he believes and knows are not true? Teachers and others who have kept up with the education al interests of the country remember that it has not been more than two years, if so long, since this State even was wrought up on the subject of what was claimed to be untrue representations of the South in Barnes' new history of the United States. There were circular letters after circular letters sent throughout the country, discussing the matter. Nothing among our books now while we write, we are not prepared to say just here how the controversy terminated; but we give it as our candid conviction that the trouble over that one book is but the prelude of what we shall see after the Blair bill becomes a law, and the children in the public schools of this beautiful South land are compelled to study text books which are thought to be blotted with so called historical facts that are not facts, and with so called enlightening truth that is not truth.

There is one great objection touching the school houses. The sixth section makes provision for school houses built as follows: "Such school houses shall be built in accordance with plans to be free on application to the Bureau of Education in Washington: *Provided, however*, That no more than $150 shall be paid from said fund towards the cost of any single school house, nor more than one half the cost in any case, &c."

Now, we see from this section that out of the $2,000,000 to be appropriated for school houses, not more than $150 can be used in any one house; and every house must be built on "plans" furnished free by the Bureau of Education at Washington. In the name of reason, what would $150 be in building a school house made on a "plan" given by the Bureau of Education at Washington? Read all the papers sent out by that Bureau, and they contain many essays, etc., etc., about plans for school buildings; but they are often the styles of the city or Graded Schools. One hundred and fifty dollars might possibly pay the expenses of the "plans," and lay the foundations of the building. And after the money shall be well expended, forsooth, in the "plans," what cross road country school needs or can use the house built on the "plans" of the Bureau of Education? The whole trend of the measure is towards putting the school system of each State into the hands of the national government: whereas the simplest way to give aid to the State is to let each State have its own system of aiding its own education, and raise the taxes from its own resources.

The bill may pass both Houses of Congress, but we think the President will act wisely in vetoing it.

HOME SCHOOLS.

An exchange says that people should patronize home schools. We heartily agree. There are many reasons why this should be done. In the first place, it will cost less money to send a boy or a girl to a home school than it will to send them to a school some distance away. Any good thinker will see the truth of this. It is not necessary to particularize about a better filled wardrobe, travelling expenses, &c., &c.

In the second place, by patronizing home schools you keep what money you do spend in circulation round about you, where you may possibly handle it again yourself.

In the third place by patronizing your home school you speak well to the public of your own town and community. You show that you have both in your own home and in the homes of your neighbors such society as you are willing for your boys and girls to be trained in. You show that you are so much interested in the training of your boys and girls that you are willing to take part of the work of training them yourself.

And in the fourth place, you show the genuine spirit of home enterprise. Every town in North Carolina is largely estimated by its schools and school buildings. No town can have what it ought to have in high-toned intelligence and genteel society without schools of its own. And every town that does have good schools of its own must, from the necessity of the case, take that stand in the eyes of the general public which intelligence and refinement always command.

Then, have you more interest in building up other towns where there are no better schools than can be made at home than you have in building up your own town?

And we must say in the fifth place, by patronizing your home schools, you encourage your home teachers, and thus help them to be more useful to you and your community. But by sending your boys to a school fifty or a hundred miles away, you discourage those who wish to have home schools good and prosperous, and you crush out what enthusiasm and zeal a teacher has for building up your town for you.

We have already said that a town is generally estimated by the character of its schools; and we say further that a teacher in your town or any other town feels a personal loss in every pupil that is sent away. Not a loss in the little matter of tuition your boy or girl would bring it to the school; but he feels that there is a lack of confidence in his ability.

It is not necessary to send a boy away from home to put "polish" on him in his academical course. Buckle him down to business at home and see that he attends to it strictly, and that will prepare him to take on the "polish after a while. The best polish that you can give your boy is to learn him how to do something, with the most liberal education you can give him, and instruct him how to be a gentleman in all states.

HOME MANURING.

One of our valuable exchanges paragraphs the following:

"Our farmers would find much profit in devoting these days to gathering, and preparing manures. The man who has to buy foreign fertilizers is throwing away money."

There is not a farmer in the country who would not say that it is all true. We heard one of the best farmers in Halifax county say that when he sent off 15 bales of cotton to pay his guano bill, it appeared to him that all that cotton was a clear loss.

We remember that during our connection with the *Commonwealth* in this town some four years ago, a gentleman said to us one day that it was strange how editors could learn so much about other people's business. Well, if they know and tell other people the truth it is as good from an editor as from any one else, so far as we can judge.

Every farmer should look well to the raising of home manures. Our word for it, every dollar that is sent off the farm to be expended for manufactured fertilizers is an impoverishment to that farm.

Many farmers say that they can not raise as much manure as they are compelled to use on their farm. The truth is this: Not one farmer in ten raises as much manure as he can and ought. Every horse stable and every cow stall ought to be cleaned and littered at least six times a year, and we believe twelve times a year would do better. Every sheep cot ought to be cleared and littered as often as the litter is cut fine by trampling. And, by the way, the manure you raise in your sheep pen is about the best manure on your whole farm. And you have no idea how much may be saved from twenty or thirty sheep during the year till you try it.

Every hog pen and every hog lot ought to be kept cleaned and littered as often as the litter is cut up by trampling.

If you have goats, you might try an experiment in littering the lot where they stay. We are not authority on raising manure from goats, however, for which reason we will refrain from further suggestions on that line.

A goodly quantity of manure may be saved from the hen-roosts. This is fine for gardens, for tobacco or anything else. All the waste ashes from the fireplace, or from the old "ash hopper" are fine manure. Burning the bark and small chips at the woodpile every spring makes good manure for potatoes on poor land. Of course every economical household burns all the larger chips in the fireplace. Then a small litter pen in the back yard for pouring slop water from the kitchin is a good place to raise several loads of manure during the year, even without a pig in the pen; and if you keep a pig in the litter pen all the year and properly attend to it, you will be surprised to find at the end of the year how much manure you have saved.

But you say perhaps, that you have been trying all this for years, and have not realized so much profit from it after all. *Have you done it properly?*

But perhaps you say all those little things are too much trouble. Ah! there's the rub. Too much trouble, indeed! What is there to be accomplished in anything without great trouble and untiring diligence? Suppose your physician should tell you it is too much trouble to keep up with the various diseases that you, with all other flesh, are heir to? Suppose your merchant should say it is too much trouble to mark the cost of his goods closely or to keep your account correctly? Suppose your lawyer should tell you it is too much trouble to keep posted on the little points of law? Suppose your new-paper editor should fail to keep up with the news, and thus omit to notice the burning of your house or the weight of your big hog, &c.,—suppose he should, would you pay your subscription as promptly as you do?

Take our advice and try *all this* for 1888 and 1889, and see if your crop is not better in 1890 than it was in 1887. Suppose you call to see your lawyer or merchant on special business and they tell you he is in the country and on will all day and then do not see him, how would you feel about it?

If farmers would stay at their places of business and keep their hands there as systematically as merchants stay and keep their clerks in the store; as lawyers and editors are *compelled* to stay at the work, there would be fewer crops mortgaged before the crops are planted.

PLEASANT WORDS FOR BROTHER KITCHIN, AND A WELCOME FOR US.

Below we give a few of the press comments concerning Hon. W. H. Kitchin's connection with the DEMOCRAT, and also some reference to the present editor.

It is with sincere regret that we part with this distinguished gentleman as Editor of the Scotland Neck DEMOCAT. Although personally to us a stranger, yet we greatly admire his witty and pungent style of writing and had become very fond of him. There can be no question as to his Democracy—he is one of the old time Democrats and had no little to learn with some of the new fangled ideas of modern and so called Democrats.

Whatever may be his purpose for the future we wish him success.

Mr. Hilliard, we understand, is a good writer and talker and we feel confident the Democracy will sustain him in his position.—*Hillsboro Recorder.*

Mr. W. H. Kitchin has sold the Scotland Neck DEMOCRAT and retired from journalism. Mr. Kitchin is a man of decided convictions and always has the courage to express them with tongue or pen. Mr. E. E. Hilliard succeeds him in the publication of the DEMOCRAT.—*Clinton Caucasian.*

The last issue of the Scotland Neck DEMOCRAT contained the valedictory of Capt. W. H. Kitchin, who has been its editor for some time past. We regret to part with him. The DEMOCRAT under his management was fearless and outspoken in all things, and especially in politics did it always take a positive and certain position never refraining from expressing opinions because of policy, but hewing to the line every time. Capt. Kitchin has our best wishes, and will no doubt hereafter give great aid to the Democracy by his utterances.

To Mr E. E. Hilliard, who has purchased and will edit the paper, we extend a hearty welcome to the fraternity. He was once before editorially connected with the DEMOCRAT, and now will give his entire attention to journalism and the law. May he be successful.—*Roanoke News.*

Captain W. H. Kitchin has retired from the control of the Scotland Neck DEMOCRAT, having sold the paper to Mr. E. E. Hilliard, a polished, educated, and able young gentleman, who was connected with the press for a short while some five years ago. We regret to part with the Captain, though we could not always accept his views; still he was an unflinching Democrat and had the boldness to strike openly at whatever measure that did not meet his views of good Democracy. He had been a member of Congress and knew the various methods resorted to by that body and in the gave his many readers only what information which they would otherwise never have known.—*Graham Gleaner.*

[illegible] Kitchin has sold the Scotland Neck DEMOCRAT. He is a gentleman of talent and has a magnificent literary outfit and will make his place. Bro. Kitchin was one of the boldest, most fearless and aggressive editors in the State. He had a head of his own, and he battled where and when he pleased. We would as soon try to beat back with a straw a cyclone in its sweep as to attempt to stop or turn aside the grand and onward march of his sincere and honest convictions. He was a strong writer, and expressed himself generally in terse, vigorous language, and whenever the occasion and the theme demanded it his thoughts were flouted out on the deepest waves of the most opulent diction, and tinted with all the splendor of the richest and most gorgeous rainbows of poetic color and fancy. He was a man of force, and has stamped his imprint on journalism in a type of character that will be ineffaceable. His successor is a gentleman of culture, polish, learning and ability, and will wear with grace and ease the mantle of the brave and honest Kitchin.—*Wilson Mirror.*

Mr. W. H. Kitchin has sold out the Scotland Neck DEMOCRAT and retired from journalism. Since Mr. Kitchin had become so warm and ardent a supporter of Mr. Cleveland, offering to whip any man who said aught against him, the DEMOCRAT has been a prime favorite in the *Chronicle* office. We always read it with interest. Mr. Kitchin has opinions and convictions and expressed them, and expressed them in a strong and forcible manner. We regret to see him put aside the pen, but that regret is mollified by the fact that Mr. E. E. Hilliard succeeds him. Mr. Hilliard has had editorial experience—is an educated, well furnished newspaper man and a ready writer. He is a conscientious editor, and is heartily welcomed by the Raleigh *Chronicle.*

Brother Kitchin has pulled out. He has sold the Scotland Neck DEMOCRAT to Mr. E. E. Hilliard, an able young gentleman who has been in the editorial harness before and while he was there, Mr. Kitchin finds as the result of his experience that brethren of the press are the hardest worked the poorest paid and the best class of American citizens."

We part with him from the profession with regret. He is a thorough gentleman, but I am told so, and his hewing to the line regardless of where the chips might fall, will be missed. At the same time we welcome Mr. Hilliard and congratulate the State on his resuming the work of the editor. That work will without doubt be of great and permanent value.—*News & Observer.*

"We regret to part with our friend Capt. W. H. Kitchin, who has sold his paper, the Scotland Neck DEMOCRAT, to Mr. E. E. Hilliard, and has withdrawn "Gone to Texas." Capt Kitchin has shown himself able, bold, honest and thoroughly democratic. He has stood up like a man, for what he thought to be right. He has set the press of the State an excellent example in his devotion to sound Democratic principles and of consistency in his advocacy of those principles. We hope to see the Almighty Dollar will bless him in his efforts. Mr. Hilliard has had some editorial experience and can write most creditably on education."—*Wilmington Star.*

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Arrive Rocky Mount	7.15 "	3.17 "	
Arrive Tarboro		4.50 P. M.	
Leave Tarboro		10.30 A. M.	
Arrive Wilson		5.55 P. M.	7.10 P. M.
Leave Wilson	7.48 A. M.	4.10 P. M.	
Arrive Selma		5.19 "	
Arrive Fayetteville		7.45 "	
Leave Goldsboro	8.40 A. M.	4.45 "	7.40 "
Leave Warsaw	9.38 "	5.50 "	
Leave Magnolia	9.54 "	6.05 "	8.40 "
Arrive Wilmington	11.35 "	7.40 "	9.55 "

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	No. 14. Daily.	No. 78. Daily.	No. 60 Daily except Sunday.
Leave Wilmington	12.05 A. M.	6.10 A. M.	4.00 P. M.
Leave Magnolia	1.24 "	7.35 "	5.30 "
Arrive Warsaw		10.53 "	8.50 "
Arrive Goldsboro	2.55 "	11.50 "	10.25 "
Leave Fayetteville		8.00 A. M.	
Arrive Selma		10.15 "	
Arrive Wilson		11.50 "	
Leave Wilson	3.02 A. M.	12.42 P. M.	7.48 P. M.
Arrive Rocky Mount		1.58 "	8.24 "
Arrive Tarboro		3.30 P. M.	
Leave Tarboro		10.50 A. M.	
Arrive Weldon	4.30 "	2.40 P. M.	9.35 P. M.

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