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THE DEMOCRAT FOR '93.

THE DEMOCRAT greets its readers with a happy greeting for the New Year, and wishes them all the prosperity and success that their hopes bespeak.

Our intercourse has been pleasant during the past year for two reasons especially: We have not at any time had a single moment's worry over the question as to whether or not we should be paid for our trouble; for in every case the reader had paid in advance and that settled it with us.

Our spot cash-in-advance system has been the source of this much pleasantness between editor and reader.

THE DEMOCRAT has not made anything like "stocks" of money, and so can not promise to publish a sheet this year twice as large and ten times more interesting on the money that it cleared last year.

Many things will transpire this year in the state and national legislative halls which will be of special interest to our readers, and of these things we shall try to keep them measurably well informed, at least to the extent of our opportunity and ability.

As to business, there are many things in the minds of the editor looking to improvements in our work, and the laying and perfecting of plans for the same will only be hindered by a circumscribed patronage.

If the people of Scotland Neck and our readers generally wish THE DEMOCRAT to do big things this year they have only to do big things for us and we promise to return the compliment. We will meet half way for any proposition that our readers will sanction.

If Scotland Neck wants to have the best and handsomest weekly newspaper in North Carolina, let her just shell out the money and we'll put in such an outfit as will make your head swim to see it run and we'll send out such a pretty and dazzling paper it will almost hurt your eyes to read it—but it will not.

Scotland Neck ought to have a better and neater paper than it ever has had; but to have it, it will have to turn loose a little bit more cash, or words to that effect.

To all we wish a prosperous New Year and hope to see them once a week throughout the year, and to maintain the same pleasant relations that have existed between us for the year that has just closed.

Ex-Congressmen in the Next Legislature.

The legislature will contain two ex-congressmen, Robert B. Vance and W. H. Kitchin. The former is an older brother of Senator Vance, and a gallant ex-Confederate soldier, commanding the 29th N. C. regiment during the war, until he was captured in 1864, shortly after he had been created a Brigadier. He served in the 43rd to 48th Congresses. He was chairman of the committee on patents in all but the 47th. He has been prominent in the councils of the Methodist church, serving on the Cape May commission in 1875 and attending the Ecumenical Methodist Conference in 1881. He is also a poet, and during his captivity wrote "Heart Throbs of the Mountains."

Ex-Congressman Kitchin is noted for his scathing irony in debate, is a man of intense will power and individuality. The Henderson Gold Leaf is eleven years old. It is one of the best weeklies in the State, and its energetic editor, Mr. Thad. R. Manning, deserves a handsome patronage at the hands of his patrons. The town of Henderson owes much to the Gold Leaf. THE DEMOCRAT congratulates brother Manning on the pleasing prosperity of his paper and wishes him a long and continued career of prosperity and usefulness. The Christmas issue of the Gold Leaf was one of the finest and most attractive weekly issues we have ever gotten out in North Carolina.

TIME TO CALL A HALT.

"DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 31.--The News in the morning will say that the startling information has leaked out here that the organization known as the Industrial Legion is being extended throughout the south and west for the purpose of resisting, if necessary, by force of arms, undue restriction on elections. It had its origin in the belief of the people's party leaders that they were counted out in Georgia and Alabama. In Georgia they claim as many as 3,000 negroes in male attire voted the democratic ticket. The person who imparted this information declared that the organization was for a fair ballot or revolution. Fifty lodges have been organized in Texas."

Of a truth the foregoing is "startling information" to every true patriot and lover of law and order.

It is time that we have done with this incendiary spirit. The country is safely ensconced within the folds of democratic protection, the only true and safe protection that the people need; and it would seem that the lessons learned in the late election would be sufficient to silence forever this cry in the South about "revolution."

The country, according to all that presages good, is just entering upon an era of great prosperity. It is the height of folly and madness for a few men who are stinging under the consciousness of deserved defeat to be making efforts to stir up the bitter feelings again rather than settle down, like true patriots, to business and improve the present opportunities for progress and prosperity.

The man who can, at this hour of blessed peace and beaming hope for our country's new era of prosperity and happiness, be small enough to lay plans to break the bonds of union again, has lurking in his heart the seeds of diabolical purpose, and is too mean to be tolerated by law and society.

THE DEMOCRAT had hoped that we should hear no more of those imaginary grievances, and that all the Don Quixotes were sufficiently amused with their last fight with the whirlwind. But we may not be surprised at anything that comes.

ISRAEL.

A Correspondent Speaks of the Chosen People of God.

Free Press. God's chosen people are among us. It is well for us to remember that they are His chosen people—selected by Him, kept and preserved by Him through all the vicissitudes of fortune and misfortune, from the days of Abraham.

Nations have come and nations have gone; but this people are still one. Edicts of tyrants, ukases of Czars, faminations from the Vatican, banishments, exile and torture have not been able to obliterate or destroy those whom the Most High had once set apart for His own.

The sooner we recognize this fact, the better for all. And a knowledge of human history will show clearly how this people have had a powerful influence in shaping the destinies of the Gentile races. To-day the fate of nearly all, if not all, the governments of Europe are in their hands. They can bring war or peace, as they withhold or furnish the "sinews of war."

It needs no argument to prove these and still more astounding facts. Then let us look these facts in the face and quit pluming ourselves as being "not as other men."

God will do with His people as seems good to Him, and we, Gentiles, though we claim salvation through Jesus Christ, yet would do well to remember that we do not know anything. We also believe that "The chosen seed of Israel's race" have a grand destiny before them. The Bible says it. We believe it.

In that grand description of "obeah," in Paul's thirteenth chapter of 1st Corinthians, the last verse reads: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity." And in this greatest of the three graces, so nation or people can surpass the children of Abraham. Their charity extends not only to their own people but freely and generously to the Gentiles. The orphan houses of our people have no truer friends. They never fail to respond to the "distress call." Mr. J. H. Mills, that large hearted friend of the fatherless, says:

"Once I was canvassing for help for the orphans at Oxford Orphan Asylum in a town in eastern North Carolina. I had not met with much success. I applied to a Jewish merchant. He responded promptly and liberally, at the same time quoting: "Oh! for the rarity Of Christian charity Under the sun." This was a merited rebuke. "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor."

AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

WHAT THE LAW MAKERS ARE DOING (Correspondence to THE DEMOCRAT.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2, 1892.

Speaker Crisp's visit to New York for a purpose of authoritatively announced in this correspondence, was a success from every point of view, and while the Speaker will not, of course, talk about what Mr. Cleveland said to him his face indicates to a certainty his satisfaction, and indeed, he does not hesitate to say that the conferences were entirely satisfactory to both participants, and that he found himself in perfect accord with Mr. Cleveland's ideas about what should be done by the party in Congress. The importance to the democratic party at large of this complete understanding between Speaker Crisp and Mr. Cleveland can hardly be over estimated. In the first place, it removes all danger of a bitter fight over the Speakership of the next House, and consequently means that perfect harmony will exist between those who will control the legislation of the House and the democratic President, and that means everything for the future success of the party.

Your correspondent regrets that he cannot give as good news of the prospects in the next Senate. In the first place, the control of the Senate of the next Congress is still very much in doubt, with the probabilities of its being in the hands of the populists, who have, through Senator Peffer, announced their intentions to put their votes where they will do the most good—to themselves. Democrats here take no stock in the stories which republican and mugwump newspapers have been circulating about the intentions of Senator Hill. The Senator himself has long ago given up the attempt to put a stop to silly stories by dignifying them with a denial, but a gentleman who enjoys confidential relations with him, and who is probably as well acquainted with his intentions as anyone, except himself, said to me: "Senator Hill is first of all a democrat, and you will make no mistake by asserting in the most positive terms that he will be ineffectual with Simon pure democracy. He will support Mr. Cleveland's administration as loyally as any man in the Senate, except in the matter of appointing mugwumps or newly converted democrats, of the Wayne MacVeigh stripe, to office. If Mr. Cleveland nominates any of those men to important offices I predict that Senator Hill will endeavor to prevent their confirmation by the Senate, but he will cast no vote against the confirmation of any whose democracy is unquestioned. Remember this prediction, and see if time does not prove its truthfulness."

Here is a specimen of extravagant and useless legislation, brought to light by members of the House committee on Appropriations: In the estimates submitted for appropriations for the next fiscal year by the War Department was one item of \$450,000 for artificial limbs for soldiers. The large amount for this purpose suggested an investigation which brought out the fact that up to the Fifty-first (billion dollar) Congress soldiers entitled to artificial limbs were authorized every five years to receive new legs or arms, or to take to commutation \$75 for a leg and \$50 for an arm. During that Congress without any recommendation or request from the War Department a bill was lobbied through by the claim agents ring which at that time collected about nine-tenths of the commutation money—upon a big percentage of course—reducing the period to three years (since then a rule of the department shuts the claim agents out of this money.) It was discovered that the original law was more than liberal, as an artificial arm will under ordinary usage last a life time, and that a leg lasts from six to eight years; also that 98 per cent. of those entitled to artificial arms and 78 per cent. of those entitled to legs regularly take the money instead of the limb. Further investigation shows that if this claim agent's law had not been enacted the item would have been \$75,000! This is only one instance,—there are hundreds of them—showing how this Congress is compelled by the vicious legislation of the last republican Congress to increase appropriations. It will take several years of democratic rule and vigilant investigations to get the expenditures of the government down to an economical, business basis, but it is going to be done.

The "School Girl" published quarterly by the Teachers and Students of the Kinsey Female Seminary at La Grange, is very interesting. It is a little marvel of neatness and does great credit to the publishers.

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EXTRAVAGANCE FOR YOU.

How does that \$650,000 item of extravagance for artificial limbs, as told in the letter by our Washington correspondent, strike you? The democratic administration will find much to do; and the more minutely the doings of the republicans for the last twenty-five years are looked into, the clearer is the truth that the country had stood it about as long as it could. Mark, too, the last sentence in our Washington letter, and let us not get in too big a hurry about some things. Let the probing be deep and well done. And it will.

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