

THE DEMOCRAT.

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OUR NEW DRESS.

The Democrat has to be read in a new dress. It may not fit as well as it will when it becomes adjusted to our "form"; but it is new all the same.

For some time past we have been unable to give our readers a good print as we have been obliged to use a type which is old and badly worn.

Within one week we have torn down every type in the office and replaced it with new type, and every word in THE DEMOCRAT this week "from head to foot" is in new type.

We call upon the friends of Scotland Neck and Halifax county, in the name of whatever good comes from a first class newspaper, to give us support in our effort to give the public not only good reading but reading that is made desirable by its attractive appearance.

This Democrat brushes aside the veil of modesty for once and asks the public to come to its assistance. We know that the common opinion is that the "good" in a newspaper office does not cost much; but when it comes to putting on a new dress, our end and our effort for hard cash and a good deal of it. We hope the public will bear in mind that THE DEMOCRAT is pushing ahead right in the midst of the greatest financial struggle that has been upon the country in many years.

Now, we want 1,000 new subscribers right away. It requires work to get them. It requires good words by our readers. The work we shall try to do, the good words we leave to our readers.

What will Scotland Neck do in substantial aid and good words towards us in replacing the great daily we have had to make to present THE DEMOCRAT in a neat and readable dress?

We wish and hope and believe that we shall be encouraged.

HON. WALTER R. HENRY.

It is fresh in the minds of all the people of North Carolina, and it is a part of our history for years to come, that H. W. R. Henry was one of the bravest and most fearless ones who led the attack against our political enemies during the last campaign.

From the mountains to the seashore in our beloved State, to the other, in almost every county within her borders, did he raise his voice in a clear and death-defying announcement of the Republican party. No man ever made a more vigorous campaign in North Carolina than did Mr. Henry during the campaign of 1892. He was among the best campaigners of the South, and his powerful oratory of the half century that have so long burdened the people of the South, did as much towards defeating the Republican party in North Carolina as any one influence but wrought in our favor.

Mr. Henry's praises were on every one's lips whenever he spoke, and more deserved praise was never heaped upon a son of North Carolina. When the great Democratic victory was announced over the whigs and through the papers the voice of the Democratic party in North Carolina was as the voice of one man, saying Mr. Henry deserved one of the best appointments to be given to North Carolina, and all thought he would be among the first to receive recognition from the Administration.

Long, weary months have passed away, others who deserved well of the party, but not a whit more than Mr. Henry have received good appointments, and Mr. Henry's claims seem still unrecognition. Is this fair? THE DEMOCRAT makes no complaint, neither does Mr. Henry make complaint as we have heard; but is it not true that his claims were being recognized and a good appointment given him? The party cannot afford to ignore great and powerful and effective party service.

Mr. Henry made as many as a dozen speeches in this Congressional district if we mistake not, and Senator Ransom and Congressman Woodard are mindful of the fact that his work here was Herculean for Democrats. Can not these gentlemen do something to push Mr. Henry's claims before the Administration, and secure an appointment without longer delay?

THE DEMOCRAT believes that the Democratic party of North Carolina would regard it as a great favor if Senator Ransom and Congressman Woodard would see to it that Mr. Henry receives his appointment at once.

SENATOR VANCE.

Senator Vance, the true and tried champion of the people's interest, for a quarter of a century, has recently become the subject of much unfavorable comment by members of the Democratic party, of which he has been the confessed leader in North Carolina for all these years.

The criticisms against him were brought out by reason of a letter which he recently gave to the press and which has been so generally read that there is no need of repeating it here.

Mr. Vance has been charged with deserting the Democratic party principles, or turning away from them in a measure, and espousing the cause of the Third party. If on the same issue would be leaders of that party have assented to claim Vance as their very own because of his recent expressions on matters of public interest.

But Vance says he is standing on the national Democratic platform; and in view of the fact that he claims to be on the platform which the great party he represents has formulated, it is in order for some one to give a better and clearer construction of that platform before reading the leading statesman of our times out of the party for which he has given the best and most of his life.

THE DEMOCRAT is willing to trust "our own Zeke" a little longer, and we believe that most Democrats are of the same opinion.

CRISPIN EARNEST.

When Speaker Crisp was unanimously nominated in Saturday night's session to speak for the House of Congress, he made a short speech but every word had the right ring. He said: "The extraordinary condition of affairs throughout the country has necessitated our meeting in extraordinary session. In so far as that condition is attributable to existing law we are in no wise responsible therefor. Now, for the first time in more than thirty years, we are in full power. We can repeal bad laws and we can make good ones. The people have entrusted us with that power, and expect us to exercise it for their benefit. Our financial system should be revised and reformed. The strictest economy in public expenditures should be observed, and taxation should be equalized and greatly reduced. To these purposes are we thoroughly committed. We must redeem our pledges. Let us begin the work at once. Let us by aside every other consideration than the public good, and endeavor to so discharge the duties assigned us as to restore confidence, promote prosperity and advance the general welfare of all classes of our people."

"I sincerely trust for your confidence and esteem, I pledge myself to devote to the discharge of the duties of the responsible position you have assigned me all the energy and ability I possess."

CONGRESS SHOULD BRING RELIEF.

N. E. Hendell.

It is disappointing to see banks like those in St. Paul and big mercantile concerns like Walder & Co., of Chicago, suspending just as the meeting of Congress promises to revive the drooping confidence of the people by repealing the mischievous Sherman law, which precipitated the present troubles upon the country.

The strain, however, has been of unprecedented duration and severity, and it is scarcely surprising that even comparatively strong institutions are yielding under it. President Cleveland's message to Congress on Monday will doubtless deal with the existing situation bluntly and vigorously, and will present the facts so clearly that constituencies of workmen will follow the example of the great mercantile organizations by demanding that their representatives shall vote for the repeal of the law.

With manufacturing all over the country shutting down, railway and other corporations reducing their payrolls, and with tens of thousands of workers being thrown out of employment, intelligent voters must realize how much they have at stake in restoring the currency to a sound basis and through their organizations should make their influence felt in Washington. The speculative element on the Stock Exchange is, oddly enough, engaged in a "bull movement" at this critical period, but the banks and financial institutions that are the backbone of "Wall Street" are looking averse to all attempts at marking up values or extending credits in any direction until the situation is cleared up.

ESSAYISTS.

The President of the North Carolina Press Association has appointed the following essayists for the next meeting of the Association:

J. P. Caldwell, Editor Charlotte Observer—Relative Importance of Editorials and Local, State and General News.

S. A. Ashe, Editor News and Observer—What Knowledge of Books is most Essential in Journalism?

E. E. Hilliard, Editor Scotland Neck Democrat—To What Extent are a Citizen's Private and Domestic Affairs Legitimately Exempted from Publication?

R. R. Cook, Editor Statesville Landmark—Mechanical Excellence in Journalism.

Mrs. Sallie Sharpe, a performer at West Bethlehem a few nights ago at Coney Island, undertook to force a monkey to drink beer, and the monkey resisted. She was making sport at a table where she was drinking and when she forced the monkey to take beer the animal bit her hand so severely that it threw her into convulsions, and the doctors thought blood poisoning might ensue. The monkey has no natural taste for beer, which must be something to some cooks who may have heard of had some misgivings about their origin.

Up in Minnesota the other day Mr. J. Dowling, editor of the Star Pioneer, was thrown into prison because he refused to work out his poll tax. His reason for refusing was, because he has neither legs nor arms. It is pretty tough for editors who have two legs and two arms to pay poll tax down here; and THE DEMOCRAT suggests that some of the Mission boards of the land employ some one to go around dividing the officers of the law in Minnesota.

Mr. Henry Blount, editor of the Wilson Mirror, has been engaged for a series of lectures through Kansas and adjoining States. North Carolinians, and especially his friends of the press, rejoice at Mr. Blount's success as a lecturer. There are none like him and the public is beginning to find it out. We congratulate Brother Blount on his happy hits from the platform.

The suggestion has come from various members of the State press that Capt. S. A. Ashe, editor of the Observer-Chronicle, write a history of North Carolina. We should be delighted to see such a work by Capt. Ashe. We think him quite competent and his State pride would insure justice and impartiality in such a work; but he says he has no thought of attempting it.

The report of the 21st annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association has been received. It was compiled by Secretary John B. Steadth, editor of the Concord Times, printed in his office, and is most excellent to his enterprise.

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