

**THE DEMOCRAT.**

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TO DEVELOP THE COUNTY.

Beginning with the next issue THE DEMOCRAT will suggest some things looking to the development of the county. Halifax county is one of the best and most inviting counties in Eastern Carolina and with the present condition of affairs it is a most opportune time to take steps towards introducing immigration to the county.

We shall propose that the county commissioners and magistrates in their joint meeting in June make a small appropriation for advertising the resources of the county. Now, let every one read carefully and consider intelligently before he approves or condemns.

**HALIFAX BEFORE THE STATE.**

It has been the policy of THE DEMOCRAT, under its present management which has now continued more than six years, to say and do everything possible for the interest of Halifax county. We have persistently labored to put the advantages of the county before the State and the outside world and have ever been ready to say a word for the county's development.

The interview with a number of farmers and others which we printed two weeks ago has turned the attention of the State towards the prosperous condition of Halifax county. Quite a number of the State papers have mentioned the fact that through THE DEMOCRAT they learn with pleasure of the happy state of affairs in old Halifax—that almost every farmer has "meat and bread and to spare."

This state of things is a most favorable comparison with that meeting that was held in Halifax four years ago asking the Governor to issue bonds for the relief of Halifax county. The bonds were not issued, be it said to the good fortune of the county. We protested against such course then and said all the while that the raising of home supplies was the only salvation for Halifax and all other agricultural counties that were falling behind. Suppose these bonds had been issued and had been taken up, Halifax county which is now in better condition financially than it has been in many years, according to the statement of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, would be groaning under a heavy debt.

We said then that such action would burden the county at a time when it would otherwise be independent; and the present condition of things proves the wisdom of THE DEMOCRAT'S position then. Our people have worked out of their hard-pressed condition, are now independent and the county free from debt; whereas, with the issuance of the bonds they would have done no more than work out and would now be under the weight of debt.

The farmers of Halifax have nobly come to their own rescue and are now independent, and it is a great pleasure to THE DEMOCRAT to be able to say that the outlook for our people was never better. And with this condition of affairs men who are seeking to invest money in lands and homes will be inclined to cast their lots here and enjoy the advantage of living where gaunt hunger and gnawing want do not meet them at every turn.

About a year ago I took a violent attack of la grippe. I coughed day and night for six weeks; my wife then suggested that I try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. At first I could see no difference, but still kept taking it, and soon found that it was what I needed. If I got no relief from one dose I took another, and it was only a few days until I was free from the cough. I think people in general ought to know the value of this remedy, and I take pleasure in acknowledging the benefit I have received from it. Madison Mustard, Otway, Ohio. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co. Druggist.

THE SOUTHERN STATES magazine for January, published by the Manufacturers' Record Co., of Baltimore, is unusually interesting. It is almost invaluable to every one who is interested in the matter of developing the South. Much attention is paid to the subject of immigration to the South, and it ought to be widely read. It is doing much for our Southern States.

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**WHY NOT AN INCOME TAX?**

While it cannot be questioned that an income tax is just and an equitable form of taxation, some object to it on the ground of its "inquisitorial feature." To be sure it might have "inquisitorial features," but why object to that? Why should a man who is making accumulation in money and other things, under the guardianship of the Government which protects his thousand and one rights, object to the Government's seeing and knowing his financial standing? It occurs to us that if a man has income which is honestly and squarely gained he should feel no hesitancy in having it known, and as a good citizen, true and loyal to the Government which protects his rights and furnishes him opportunity to exercise his powers and capacity in doing the best he can for himself in a great and free and happy country, he ought to be willing to pay a reasonable tax on such income.

Then this seems to be entirely equitable. Everybody knows that, apart from what we know as poll tax, there is a large number of citizens of the land that pay no taxes at all. They have nothing for which to be taxed. Then why is not an income tax on those who have income just as reasonable and correct as is the tax on property, real estate, or whatever property one chooses to possess? Those who have possessions must pay the taxes to the Government to take care of those who have nothing. And just here, by way of parenthesis, we remark that a great many people who never had anything and who never have paid any taxes more than poll tax busy themselves too much about matters of this kind which never can affect them in the least.

But some say that an income tax would furnish such a broad field in which men might practice deception. It is argued that they would conceal many facts about their income. Well, we fear that such a thing as deception concerning taxable property would not be altogether new even if we had an income tax. If one should look carefully enough into such things we are of the opinion that he could find instances where men have not been entirely unreserved in the matter of giving a full list of taxables.

The truth is, any man who has the disposition to be dishonest about his taxable property has just as good a chance now as he would under an income tax. Why can't a man lie now about his money or land, his notes and solvent credits, personal property and the like, just as well as he could about his income? He can; and any one with a modicum of common sense knows it. So then this objection fails like all others. The people want an income tax.

**SENATOR VANCE AS A LEADER.**

Clinton Democrat.

Senator Vance is the representative Democrat of North Carolina. His bearing in the passage at arms which occurred during the extra session of Congress has endeared him more than ever to the people of his State for whose interests he has ever stood up boldly and uncompromisingly. His is the standard under which the Democracy of the State will march to victory next November. North Carolina is essentially and necessarily Democratic and must remain so. There is no disguising of the fact that a powerful effort will be made to defeat the Democracy at the next election. The final effort of expiring populism will be made to carry the State, but the result will be as it was at the last election. There was never any real cause for defection from the State Democracy and many of the best men who left it two years ago are with it now and to stay. State politics and national politics are two different things and many who did not realize as much in the heat of the late campaign have more carefully considered their duty as citizens since casting their ballots. The friends of reform can only destroy the possibility of reform by breaking ranks from the Democracy, and can only lose self respect by seeking to attain control of the State by an alliance that would be dishonorable, and disgusting to the best element of the secessionists.

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**LITERATURE DRYING UP.**

In the January number of *The Forum* Sydney G. Fisher discusses the effect of immigration upon American literature. His article headed, "Has Immigration Dried up Our Literature?" classes our great men of literature as belonging almost exclusively to Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. For these states he mentions only one each for all but Massachusetts, for which he mentions fifteen.

The writer emphasizes the fact that they were all born between 1780 and 1820, except Bayard Taylor of Pennsylvania, and he was born in 1825. The birth-period of these men, says the writer, is embraced in the forty years from 1780 to 1820, and since that period there have been very few men born, even in Massachusetts, who can lay claim to literary greatness such as characterized those who were born during the period mentioned.

Mr. Fisher says that after 1820 or 1825 the people lost their real identity, or homogeneity, by reason of immigration and have therefore fallen back from the high standard of literary merit which had developed in a number of men up to that time.

The writer concludes in the following sombre view of the literary outlook: "Massachusetts, once the home of a pure and native stock, has more than 50 per cent of her population foreign, and the foreign element is principally Irish and French-Canadian. Her homogeneity and her literature are destroyed. The descendants of her old people still hold themselves together in a way, and possess in a modified and mediocre form some of the characteristics of the past; and doubtless this state of things will continue for a long time. But the high and the deep tones are gone, and it is not likely that we shall ever hear them again."

**MR. DANIELS' PLAIN TALK.**

Washington Cor. Asheville Courier.

Here's a sample of Joe Daniels' idea of distributing government pie, and what he is here for:

Three persons were in Joe's office the other day; one was an employe in the classified service, and wanted an office for a friend, and one just happened to be in. The friend of the office seeker had finished his little speech, and Joe, in his good natured, but business like, way said: "Is he a Democrat?" The Civil Service reformer saw an opportunity and made haste to use it. "I can't see the force of that question," said he, "what difference does it make whether a man is a Democrat or not?" "It makes a difference with me," said Joe, "and it is the first thing to settle." Then he had something to say about office seekers which led the Civil Service champion to say: "Well, Mr. Daniels, you have been some what of an office seeker yourself. You came here after an office and got it." "What?" said Joe in great astonishment, "I came here seeking an office? Not much. Do you think I would come here to ask for a little \$2,000 clerkship? Do you think a few paltry dollars would induce me to come and beg an office? You were never more mistaken in your life. I came here to accept the position of Appointment Clerk that I might put a thousand rascals out of office. I completed the job and have now come over here to the Chief Clerk's office to stop you from buying everything in creation, and when I get that done I'll resign and go home."

The Civil Service reformer has not spoken since.

The death of Dr. E. Burke Haywood, who occurred at his home in Raleigh last week, was a sad announcement to the whole State. He was widely and favorably known and in his death the State lost one of her best citizens and one of her most efficient and successful physicians.

The Greenville Reflector is twelve years old, and enters its "teens" with vigor and great freshness and Editor Whichard is to be congratulated. He gave all the employes of the office an elegant dinner at his own home upon the completion of his twelfth volume. The Reflector is one of the best and most progressive weeklies in the State. Long may it prosper and do good in the land.

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Mr. Sam Smith of this place is very sick with la grippe.

Mr. Hargrove who lives near this place is very low from a yellow chill.

Mr. L. P. Elliott of Norfolk is spending a few days in town.

Miss Mabel Curtis is visiting Mrs. H. S. Harrison at Melroe.

Mr. Geo. A. Heptinstall, of Washington, formally of this place, was married at the home of the bride, Miss Susie Clark in New Berne at 8.30 a. m. last Wednesday. They came up on the 2.40 train to visit his mother in this place. We wish him joy and extend to him our hearty congratulations.

Dr. A. S. Harrison spent part of last Sunday in Weldon.

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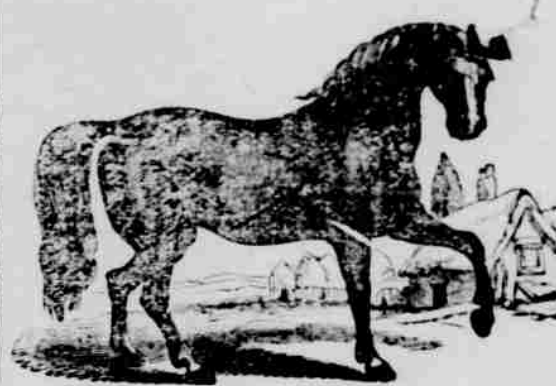
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