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HARMONY OUR SAFETY.

There is a strong tendency among the people throughout the country seriously to disagree on public questions. But a glance at the situation will convince any reasonable man that too much disagreement just now is dangerous and will prove harmful. And there is not only disagreement between those of different political faith, which is expected always; but the tendency has crept within the democratic ranks. Indeed it may no longer be called a tendency, but a declared disagreement out and out.

While it is an admitted fact that there are reasons why democrats should not be in accord with every act of the President or the Congress; it is not always prudent to declare opposition in terms that would commit one to some other political creed if his own opinions are not followed.

Many persons fall out with the Democratic party and propose to abandon it because the President has not done what they thought was right, or because Congress has not kept its pledges and covenant with the people.

Now, the President may be wrong, and according to our thinking certainly is wrong, and so is Congress; but the fact that the President has gone wrong, or that some members of Congress have done so, does not justify any one in falling out with the Democratic party, which has done so much for the country.

It would be just as reasonable for a good and true member of any christian church to renounce all his affiliations with it because, forsooth, the pastor or a part of its membership had made a mistake. Withdrawing would not help matters—it would only make the body weaker.

The thing to do is to agitate concerning what has been done wrong and who has done it, and then proceed to right those wrongs by seeing to it that the same persons shall not again have the opportunity to abuse the confidence of the people. Then, let us agitate, if we agitate at all, with the sole purpose of harmonizing the discordant elements within our own ranks first, and then we are prepared to go outside and show men away from us that we are right and can be trusted; for the Democratic party has done more for the country than any other party. Let us be careful not to drive any one out of the party.

RANSOM NOT A SPECULATOR.

(Correspondence to THE DEMOCRAT.)

WASHINGTON, June 18, '94.

Every Senator at present in Washington, except Quay, of Pa., has declared under oath that he neither speculated in nor gave information to others to be used in speculating in the stock of the sugar trust. Quay says he has been speculating in sugar stock whenever he felt like it and that he is going to continue. The evidence did not surprise any sensible person, but all the same it was wise in the investigating committee to examine all the Senators beginning with themselves; it closes the mouths of the Buncombe speakers and writers who have been continually asking why not swear the Senators? The only features in the examination of the Senators that varied from the stereotyped denial of the eight leading questions asked enough to arouse any special interest were the confession of Senator Quay and the statement of Senator Ransom, that he had a day or two before learned that his son had during the month of April speculated in a Washington bucket shop to the extent of $45, and that $20, of it had been placed upon the sugar trust. It was, of course, a foolish thing for young Mr. Ransom to have done, but the amount invested is of itself sufficient to clear the young man of any suspicion of having acted upon any information beyond his own desire to bet his own money upon his own judgment. When a man goes into a speculation on inside information he puts up more than $20. Senator Ransom has never bought a share of speculative stock of any kind since he became a member of the Senate.

Pimples, boils and other humors of the blood are liable to break out in the warm weather. Prevent it by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

WAKE FOREST COMMENCEMENT.

The annual commencement at Wake Forest last week was one of the most interesting in the history of the institution.

On Monday night Class Day exercises were held and they were quite interesting.

Tuesday night E. B. Jones, Esq., of Winston, delivered the address before the Alumni Association, his subject being "The Boy of the Old Field School." It was pointed and showed good thought on the subject.

Wednesday at 11 o'clock, Rev. F. C. McConnell, of Lynchburg, Va., delivered the annual address before the literary societies. His subject was, "No other Man's Hand is on your Goal."

The speaker enjoys the reputation of being one of the finest pulpit orators in the South, and the address fully met the expectation in every particular. We heard Dr. McConnell on Missions at the Baptist State Convention in Elizabeth City last December, we heard him preach there also—the greatest sermon we have ever heard anywhere—and his address at Wake Forest was equal to his efforts at Elizabeth City.

The address was full of closely packed thought, delivered in that free and easy, yet impassioned, manner that showed the speaker was mastered by the conception of the great truths which he delivered, but masterful in the delivery. It was a great speech and the only disappointment to the audience was that he spoke only fifty minutes. We can not here even give an analysis of the address.

Wednesday night Rev. E. M. Poteat, an alumnus of the College, preached the sermon before the graduating class. His text was: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Mr. Poteat has been distinguished for years as a great thinker of a metaphysical turn of mind, and his sermon showed him equal to the occasion. His sermon was highly complimented and fully met the demands of the occasion as a commencement sermon. His closing appeal to the young men was touching. He held up Christ as the only true foundation on which to build both for this world and the life to come.

Thursday was commencement day proper, when the graduating class delivered orations. Only six, however, out of the class of twenty eight spoke, the others having written theses and handed in to the faculty. The graduating class acquitted themselves well and President Taylor's address to the class upon the presentation of their diplomas was said to be quite masterly.

He said three things make the key to success—Self-control, Self-reliance and Self-respect.

Thursday night was given to the young people, a general reception being held in the literary halls and library. The crowds were large and the occasion a most enjoyable one. It was perhaps the most important commencement in the history of the institution.

On Wednesday night after the sermon, the Alumni Association met in the large chapel and transacted business of interest to the Association. A number of honorary members were elected. The matter of State aid to higher education has been before the people of the State some time, and President C. E. Taylor, of Wake Forest, has written a series of able articles which has been printed in the *Biblical Recorder*.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Association, with only one dissenting voice:

WHEREAS, Dr. C. E. Taylor has published in the *Biblical Recorder* a series of articles on, "How far ought a State undertake to Educate?" and whereas, these articles discuss questions of great and vital interest, and of practical importance to all our people; therefore be it

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Alumni Association of Wake Forest College, these articles are timely, important and wise, and in our judgment the principles discussed are correct, the positions taken just to all, and deserve the support of every citizen.

Resolved, That in the interest of the rights of citizenship we deem it proper that the subject be brought before the people from all the standpoints of discussion in the same spirit of fairness characterizes these articles.

The friends of the college are very enthusiastic for the success of the institution and stronger efforts still will be made for enlarging its usefulness.

A gentleman, under forty years of age, whose hair was rapidly becoming thin and gray, began the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor, and in six months his hair was restored to its natural color, and even more than its former growth and richness.

PLUCK WORTH TELLING ABOUT.

Mr. Rowland F. Beasley, editor of the Monroe *Journal*, returned this morning from Wake Forest College, where he has just graduated. He has kept up his paper and at the same time kept pace with his class, doing all his study at home by himself. In other words, he has done, without teachers, what a great many cannot do, even under the best teachers—graduated. He has been there for the past three weeks, standing examinations, but this year he did about all his studying here and ran a very creditable paper besides.

The foregoing is clipped from the Monroe correspondence to the Charlotte *Observer*, and it speaks volumes to the young men of the land. Truly, Mr. Beasley is a plucky young man, and we doubt if a better record has ever been made in the State.

The mind is capable of much work, vastly more than most of us are willing to admit, and the work can be done under the most discouraging and disadvantageous circumstances. Only last week we made mention in our local columns that Mr. Wiley Cherry who lives about six miles from Scotland Neck, had learned to read while confined to his bed with rheumatism, and he is 77 years old.

Mr. Cherry took it easy and was not hurried—in fact learned to spell out his words as a matter of amusement; but it was different with Mr. Beasley, the plucky editor. He remained at home in his office, got up his paper, and kept up his studies with his classes at college; and keeping up with a class at college and taking your diploma is no child's play when you are there all the time and have nothing else to do.

In short, Mr. Beasley has demonstrated afresh the fact that has been demonstrated before occasionally along down the ages, that when a young man sets his heart on obtaining an education, give him good health and a fair mind, and there is no earthly power that can hinder him. Let our young men take the lesson and go and do likewise if it is the best they can do.

We wish to say while we did not know that Mr. Beasley was doing so much extra work, we have been exchanging with his paper for quite a while and we have found it one of our most interesting and live exchanges, and would do credit to one who did nothing else but attend to the paper.

THE DEMOCRAT predicts that Mr. Beasley will be heard from some time in the future. If he keeps up his lick he will outstrip many who have had better opportunities, perhaps, than he has yet enjoyed. His opportunities are yet to come.

DR. W. R. WOOD.

Wilmington Messenger.

Dr. William R. Wood has served the State and suffering humanity most faithfully during his five years' superintendency of the Raleigh Insane Asylum. We are assured by one of our foremost city physicians that no man within the State could have rendered better, more acceptable service. He brought to the discharge of his very delicate and important office high qualities as a physician of large and long continued practice. He has caused several needed and important changes and improvements to be made, and leaves the benevolent institution which he has directed with so much of skill, tact, vigor and mercy in a better condition than it has ever been before. Desiring to return to his old home in beautiful Scotland Neck, where he is so highly esteemed for personal worth and rare gift as a great practitioner of medicine, he voluntarily resigns the office he has so greatly magnified, and retires with the regret, good will and high confidence of his Board of Managers and of all who know of his admirable work at Raleigh. May he prove a still farther blessing to afflicted humanity and may he find the Great Physician his greatest help and friend in this life and the life beyond.

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THE PRESS CONVENTION.

The North Carolina Press Association was held in Morganton last week. We regret that we could not attend. For several years we have been present at every meeting, but this year it was not convenient for us to go. Our heart was with the brethren both in their work and in their pleasant associations.

Capt. Ashe, of the *Observer-Chronicle*, gives a pleasing account of his trip to Morganton and the entertainment given.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, W. C. Ervin, of the Morganton *Herald*; Vice-Presidents, C. L. Stevens, W. F. Marshall, W. C. Dowd; Secretary, J. B. Sherrill; Orator, John R. Webster; Poet, Andrew Joyner; Historian, E. J. Hale.

Executive Committee—W. C. Ervin, president; J. B. Sherrill, secretary; S. A. Ashe, J. A. Thomas, H. A. London, E. E. Hilliard, Thad R. Manning.

Delegates to the National Editorial Convention—W. S. Herbert, J. T. Britt, H. A. Latham, Rev. W. L. Grissom. Alternates—J. B Sheirill, H. T. Herrick, J. C. Tipton, R. A. Deal.

Mess. A. Roscower, Thad R. Manning and C. W. Hunt were appointed a committee to examine the treasurer's books, which having done they reported correct and showing $190 in the treasury.

Committee on Legislation—S. A. Ashe, J. P. Caldwell, H. A. London, J. D. Kernodle, Marion Butler.

There were many attentions shown the editors, among which was an elaborate banquet. The following was the order of toasts, with Mayor Pearson presiding and Judge Bynum acting as toast master:

"Our Guests"—Responses, C. F. McKesson, H. A. London.

"The Press of North Carolina, the Leader of Educational and Industrial Progress"—Responses, S. A. Ashe, J. R. Webster.

"The Old North State Forever"—Responses, W. F. Burbank, E. J. Hale, J. W. Wilson.

"Morganton the Gem of the Upper Catawba Valley"—Response, S. McD. Tate.

"North Carolina's Public Charities, Stars in the Diadem of a Great Commonwealth"—Responses, J. P. Sawyer, E. McK. Goodwin.

"The State's Unwritten History Replete with Stories of Heroism and Statesmanship"—Response, A. C. Avery.

"The Stranger Within Our Gates"—Response, Rev. Carlos Alberto Trone.

"The Pleasures and Profits of Journalism, or the Editorial Pocket Book" Response, W. F. Marshall.

"The Women of North Carolina—the Mothers of Heroes, the Wives of Patriots, the Sweethearts of Our Sterling Youth"—Responses, H. A. Latham, Marion Butler.

The city of Greensboro invited the Association to hold its next session there and the invitation was accepted.

HARD TIMES FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Durham Sun.

A Culpepper correspondent of the Fredericksburg *Free Lance* quotes figures from an old sale book of a gentleman who died in Madison county in 1848 to show that the present depression in the prices of farm products is not the first that has occurred in this country. The property referred to was sold on twelve months' time, and brought the following prices: Horses sold at from $20 to $40 per head; colts, from $10 to $14; cows and calves, $8; without calves, $4 to $6; two and three year old cattle, from $6 to $13; yearlings, from $1 to $2.60; calves, from 75c to $1; sheep from 50c to $1.10 (average 90c); hogs, 50c to $1.15; turkeys, 18c to 20c; geese, 16c; bacon, in 100 pound lots, 5c per pound; flour $3.25 per barrel; wheat, 61c per bushel; corn, $1.50 per barrel; rye, 45c per bushel; bran, 6c per pushel (about 30c per 100); tobacco, $1 per hundred, and all other things in proportion.

Prof. Silas E. Warren, President of Wilson Collegiate Institute, died a few days ago after several weeks' illness.

Lightning played a curious freak in Johnston county the other day. It Struck a tree near which Mr. J. L. Barnes was standing. He was not hurt but when he started to walk away his shoes fell from his feet. The lightning had torn them to pieces. So says the Raleigh correspondent to the Richmond *Dispatch*.

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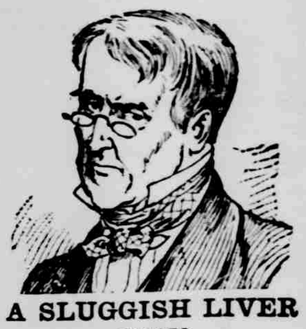

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