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DEMOCRATIC CORRUPTION!

SENATOR MATT. W. RANSOM,

Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars Paid for his Seat in the Senate!

Belknap's Corruption Pales into Insignificance.

AN INVESTIGATION DEMANDED!

ANOTHER DISGRACED NORTH CAROLINIAN.

SEND FOR PERSONS AND PAPERS

A WOMAN IN THE QUESTION.

M. W. RANSOM THE BRIBED.

Z. B. VANCE THE BRIBER.

At the session of the General Assembly of North Carolina in 1870, ex-Gov. Z. B. Vance was elected to the United States Senate, to succeed Joseph C. Abbott. Mr. Vance was at that time laboring under political disabilities, which were known to the Legislature which elected him. Resolutions were introduced promptly in Congress by the Democrats to remove Mr. Vance's disabilities. Owing, however, to charges made that Vance, while Governor of North Carolina during the war, had cruelly maltreated Union men in the western part of the State, the resolutions hung fire.

At the next session of the Legislature in 1871, the Senatorship was often canvassed upon by the Democrats. Many plans were proposed for the solution of the knotty question, but none adopted till Matt. W. Ransom came forward with his scheme. His proposition was that, as it seemed probable that Mr. Vance's disabilities would not be removed, that he should resign, and that Ransom himself should be elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Vance and his friends at first refused. Mr. Ransom then made a pecuniary offer to Vance, which the latter closed with. The offer was this: Mr. Ransom was to pay the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars to Mr. Vance, who was to send in his resignation, the caucus was then to nominate Mr. Ransom, and as the Democrats had a large majority, Mr. Ransom was elected and he now occupies the Senatorial seat.

These facts can be substantiated. A Senatorial committee can have the evidence whenever demanded. Election and other frauds have been occupying the attention of the country until it is raised almost to madness. But none have been suggested which carry with them more glaring evidences of a corrupt bargain than this. Such a fraud perpetrated in an executive and unperformed contract would put the party claiming immediately out of court.

It is also well known that the two thousand five hundred dollars paid by Ransom to Vance was to come from the first pay received as Senator, and consequently from the United States Treasury. Mr. Belknap took \$20,000 from an individual who was obscure, who drew nothing from the National Treasury, for a petty place as sutler, and a just burst of indignation has forever buried him in political and, perhaps, personal ruin. On the other side we see an ex-Governor, and a Senator and ex-Brigadier General selling and buying one of the most exalted positions in the United States.

It demands prompt punishment, and we call upon the proper Senatorial committee to send for persons and papers.

JOURNALISTIC ENTERPRISE.—The Journal of yesterday morning contained a telegram dated at Whiterville, from the respectable Commander of the left wing of Johnson's army. When it is remembered that there is no telegraph office at Whiterville, and the Commander of the left wing was in this city the whole night following the day of the date of the dispatch, the energy of our neighbor in entering to the public in the matter of news will be properly appreciated.



THIS NEW HAMPSHIRE BLEND

The result of the voting in Granite State last Tuesday is very significant of coming events. It was a square appeal to the people upon national issues comparatively unencumbered by local questions. There was a singular distinctness and clearness in the manner in which each party arrayed itself—the one (Republican) in vindication of the national policy since Lincoln's election, and the other (Democratic), in direct opposition to it. Many, the Democratic candidate for Governor, was an old, dried-in the wool, lined back, pro-slavery Democrat. He was in Congress during the war and uniformly voted with the obstructionists. His record in that body was so unvarying against all measures tending to suppress the rebellion, that nobody disputed it, neither himself. His immediate supporters were of the same stripe, and when he was nominated it was known that the gambler had been thrown down. On the other hand the Republican candidate, Governor Cheney, was entirely the opposite. He was an officer in the army during the war, and had never wavered in his devotion to his country and to its policy since 1861, as well as before. There was no personal issue at all in the canvass, because both candidates were of unimpeachable standing in their personal relations. This vote says to the country "We don't like Ben. Hills and Tombs, neither nor Jeff. Davis' letter, we don't like the present attitude of the southern ex-rebels; we stand by the men and party which defended and saved the Union; we will heretofore trust the friends of the country in preference to its enemies."

Will the south ever give ear to the inevitable? Can they afford to trifle further? This result in New Hampshire ought to open the eyes of the southern Democrats. The north knows the condition of southern sentiment, notwithstanding the attempts to deceive them, and this is their verdict. When there can be a real and honest acceptance of the results of the war on the part of the rebels the north will gladly and generously accept it. This election is an emphatic and practical repudiation of those divisive and Christian amusement, in which the southern people have lately indulged, such as Ku Kluxing, negro whipping, negro murdering, "White League" rebellions, "White League" slaughtering, and all the general devilry which has been carried on in the south by those who have never yet learned what **AFRODISIAC MEANS!**



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A REPUBLICAN SENATE!

A REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR!

A REPUBLICAN STATE!

TRASON STILL ODIOUS!

The following telegram gives a glowing news and explains it all.

Special Telegram to the Post.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16th.

The Democratic party of New Hampshire is at rest in its winding sheet. It is a Republic in victory complete at every point. Governor elected by 3,500 majority, one out of twelve Senators and all of the Commissioners are Republican, and in the Assembly there is a Republican majority of at least twenty-five seats. A Republican Senator in the place of Senator Cragin, whose term expires March 14th, 1877.

ROBERTSON MEETING IN DULUX COUNTY. A young Republican Mass meeting was held at Wax-on Saturday the 11th inst. attended by hundreds of people from the neighborhood for miles around. Mr. J. B. Faison presided as Chairman and made a thorough Union speech. Hon. James Heaton then addressed the crowd on the important issues of the day, and in a lengthy argument of nearly three hours duration, showed up the rascality and hypocritical mendacity of the Ku Klux Democracy, and emphatically "skinned them alive."

Mr. George W. Price, Jr. also "stretched forth" for the enemy and pounded them in his usual vigorous and pleasing style. The Democrats don't like Price worth a cent. He talks so plainly and makes such deep and wide thrusts into them. It always rejoices the hearts of the faithful when such gallant speakers as Heaton and Price expound the doctrines of Republicanism.

Several other telling speeches were made and the citizens proceeded to elect a Central Republican Council for the county—and the following are the gentlemen chosen: J. R. Frederick, President; Wansaw, W. H. Pearsall, Faison; Shade Connor, Kenansville; Amos McAllough, Magnolia; J. M. Robinson, Island Creek; J. W. Brown, Hallsville; Wright Batt, Cypress Creek; A. S. Williams, Albemarle; Joseph Houston, Smiths; Samuel Branch, Gibson; Ivey Highsmith, Rock Fish.

While this paper, in common with all the healthy sentiment of the country, is anxious that all persons guilty of official crimes of corruption should be punished, it asks all real conservative and sensible people not to rush at conclusions, *seditione leste*. The many wild stories now being circulated by the assassin press have an origin only in the wish that they may be true.

We ask that persons who are acquainted with the common facts of English history to recall the times of Times Oates, of Blood, and of Dangerfield. Human nature is forever the same. These men, when they found a ready hearing from a dominant and orgied party in a British House of Commons, swore away the lives of innocent men.

May we not readily believe that a Democratic House of Representatives in our own country in its anxiety to investigate is placing a premium on perjury? History is a circle.



The Oxford Torch Light, speaking of the coming June Commencement of the State University, hopes that "the speeches that are to be delivered by the young gentlemen will be written by them and not copied from books in the library or furnished by outside friends as has been the custom heretofore." It also hopes that "the University is not to be governed exclusively by politicians, and not under the control of the two smallest christian denominations in the State."

These remarks are pretty hard licks at our lazy young men who think that the great ends of their lives are accomplished when they succeed in squeezing through a college.—at the disgustingly partisan character of those who have the control of the management of that Institution, and the evident intention to run it in the interests of the snobs of a certain denomination.

Our special artist has again enabled us to issue an illuminated edition of the Post. This time he has given us a view of the meeting of the dead beat colored American voter who want to be acknowledged by the Democratic party and participate with it in the spoils of office (when they get them) and the big man of the Review. The cartoon represents the moment when the Review, thinking that it had caught a sardine, throws itself on the neck of its colored brother exclaiming "Beloved, we long have loved thee, but heretofore the cruel conventionalities of our aristocratic democratic party, that contains all the chivalry of the land, have forced us to conceal our love. But now the millennium has come. Politics has taken a new departure. Silence is no longer necessary; to keep silence longer would be disgraceful. We rejoice now in thy blessed privilege, and we take advantage of it to tell thee we adore thee. Look not coldly on us, dearest, turn us not from your sweet embrace! See us clinging around your dear neck, imploring that you will come next in our bosom and hereafter vote for us. Fold thy arms about us, and say that hereafter you will at least divide thy precious vote with us. Say yes, and let us try a little Democratic straight."

Let us sing,

"This is the way we long have sought,
And mourned because we found it not."
Raise the tune, Brother.

It will be seen that the poor little nigger with the dead-belly coat is overcome by the Review's leap year ardor and has turned very pale indeed.

WADDELL IN A NEW ROLE.—It is said that the Historian Waddell has been playing in private theatricals in Washington in a farce called "Inside Views of the Life of a Congressman" in which are introduced characters representing a congressman who once ran a high-toned newspaper and never paid the Baltimore man the eight hundred dollars he owed him for his type; a congressman who fought the tiger and drew on the Sergeant at Arms for his salary wherewith to pay the little bill when some other faro man had already gotten it, and for which he was afterwards sued; a congressman who rode down Pennsylvania Avenue in a state of intoxication with a celebrated female by his side, and a number of other characters with which congressmen are supposed to be familiar.

Won't General M. W. Ransom contribute to our columns a "Historical Sketch" of that little exploit of his at the capture of Plymouth from the yankees during the war, when not less than three hundred negroes, men, women, children and babies were butchered in cold blood? If he won't write it up for us we will do it ourselves.

Miscegenation don't mix. A negro woman in Opelika, Ala. has given birth to triplets, two of whom are black and one white. Her husband is a white democrat.



CITY ITEMS.

All business communications should be addressed to "The Post," Wilmington, N. C.

And now choir practicing of Easter music is in order.

The small pox seems to have entirely died out, and one never hears it spoken of now.

Too much St. Patrick to allow the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen to take place to-night.

There has been two accidental deaths by fire in this city in the past week. Will people never learn to be careful?

Captain W. J. Penton, who was so ill with small pox in our city, has entirely recovered and is attending to his usual business again.

Mayor Canaday has flown off for a few days to attend a meeting of the Commissioners of the Western North Carolina Railroad.

Arrangements are being made whereby tourists can leave this city via the Carolina Central Road in the morning and take dinner in Asheville the next day.

And now the festive plow is furrowing the fair fields and gardens, and truckers anticipate early and large returns from their investments in the bosom of another earth. Let us have peace.

Captain Southland, the livery stable man, is selling able bodied jackasses at remarkably low figures, and yet the proprietors of the Journal complain of the four dollars per week that they have to pay to their legal editor.

All of our Wilmington Merchants are laying in unusually large supplies of denims and pocket flasks, and bush-head whiskey in anticipation of the wants of their democratic customers during the approaching campaign.

The words "Golden Tongue" don't poorly express the meridian of one which emanates from the interior of a beautiful orator, upon which is inscribed the name of Daniel F. Beatty, Washington, New Jersey.

The famous giraffe in the London Zoological garden is dead, but still that other fellow of the B. continues to chatter and quawk about the probable chances of getting the negro voters of New Hanover county to vote for Democrats.

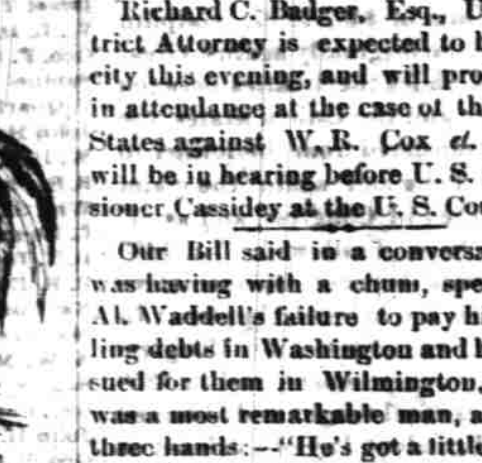
Just at this time Wilmington can boast a lot of denigrants with faces as long as jackasses and looks as solemn as owls. The Ku Klux mourners go about the streets for red democracy at the loyal North has gone to its long home. Selah!

BOXER BRIBES.—The new structure on Fourth Street over the tracks of the W. & W. R. Co., has been completed and is open for travel. It is a strong and substantial bridge, but landscape artists don't rush there to sketch its beauties, for it has not got any.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—This is St. Patrick's day in the morning, and the Sons of the Green Isle are consequently happy. The Hibernian Benevolent Association will celebrate the day by a street parade and appropriate religious services at St. Thomas' Church, and a sociable at Hibernian Hall in the evening.

THE ROBINSON COUNTY CASE.—The case of the United States against Gen. W. R. Cox and the Commissioners of Robinson county, charged with conspiracy to defeat the will of the people in the election of Delegates to the late State Constitutional Convention, will come up for a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner Cassidy in the U. S. court room in this city to-day. The case excites considerable interest.

We hear of a remarkable case of absentmindedness that recently occurred at or near the corner of Second and Chestnut streets in this city on the occasion of the literary and haggard looking editor of a back alley *Tribune* receiving a postal card from the postoffice. It is said that the young man spent about fifteen minutes in trying to open it and never observed that it was not a letter until a friend called his attention to the fact.



Richard C. Badger, Esq., U. S. District Attorney is expected to be in this city this evening, and will probably be in attendance at the case of the United States against W. R. Cox et al., that will be in hearing before U. S. Commissioner Cassidy at the U. S. Court room.

Our Bill said in a conversation he was having with a chum, speaking of Al Waddell's failure to pay his gambling debts in Washington and his being sued for them in Wilmington, that he was a most remarkable man, as he had these hands.—"He's got a little behind-hand."

Another God and Morality Democrat this time is afflicted with the national democratic complaint, *stalking*. The democratic Chief of the Police of Columbus, Georgia, has been indicted by the grand jury for larceny. He is said to be a relative of Senator John R. Gordon.

And now Gambler Waddell has been invited to deliver the literary address at the Commencement of the University at Chapel Hill in June next. Probably he will tell the boys the secrets of poker playing and how he lost all his money fighting the tiger in Washington, and how he was sued for the same in Wilmington.

The cases that have been pending in the Superior Courts, first in this county then in Brunswick and finally in Columbus, against several colored men, charged with rioting on election day in 1871, have been transferred under the Act of Congress, from the State Courts to the U. S. District Court which convenes in this city in May next. The case against James Heaton, charged with the same offense, was to have been tried at Whiteville on yesterday.

HOURS FOR A. L.—We call attention to the advertisement of James Wilson, offering building lots in any portions of our rapidly growing city to all who may desire to become their own landlords. Mr. Wilson also offers to those who become purchasers of lots from him to loan them money on very moderate terms to enable them to erect their houses. Any industrious man who can raise the means to secure a building lot from Mr. Wilson can also obtain the money from him with which to build his house thereon.

THE NEW PILOT LAW.—The pilots that noble and hardy class of our citizens who are ready at all times to risk their lives in the discharge of their duty in piloting vessels from sea into our rivers and harbors, will see how their democratic friends in Congress propose treating them in the matter of a general pilotage law. The bill agreed upon provides "no owner, agent, master or consignee of any ship or vessel, duly enrolled and licensed and engaged in the coasting trade or fishery, shall, by virtue of the laws of any State, be compelled to take or employ a pilot not voluntarily employed on entering or departing from any port or harbor, or entering, passing through or strait within the waters of the United States."

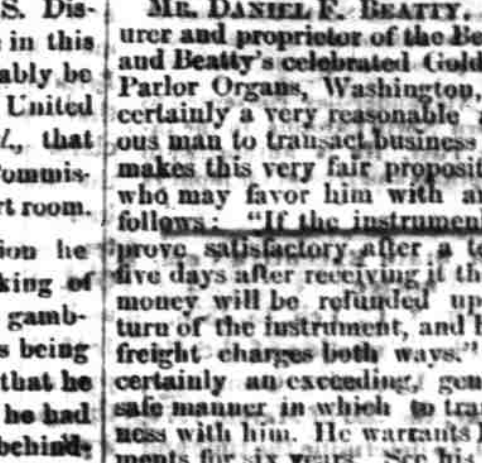
THE COUNTY ELECTION CASE.—The case of certain tax payers represented by W. A. French et al. against the Commissioners of New Hanover county, has had a hearing in the Supreme Court, and the injunction has been dissolved.

This has been one of the greatest outrages ever perpetrated against a community. A few soreheads, led on by a disappointed politician and ex-banker, by and with the advice of another disappointed politician and ex-legal adviser of the County Commissioners, for the sake of fees, notoriety or something of the sort, seduced certain good, honest, credulous souls to sue out an injunction against the Commissioners restraining them from the collection of a certain tax. The matter went through the courts, and now the Supreme Court has told these foolish fellows that they had no cause of action.

This action has cost the tax payers of this county thousands of dollars for lawyer's fees and other expenses, incurred in the defense of the suit, and the costs of court. The expense that they incurred individually in prosecuting the suit is another matter. Nor is this the only injury that the people have sustained. The depreciation of the credit of the county and the woful discontent to which all the evidences of the debt of the county are reduced, is distressing to those who hold them.

We learn that the Commissioners intended to bring suit for damages against the signers of the injunction bond, and the probability are that the sore-wound men who placed their names on that bond will have good cause to curse the men who led them into the foolhardy.

Robbins says that he would be very glad to see Charles A. Dixon convicted for between this matter and that he has not time to stand around and wait for the event to transpire.



Mr. DANIEL F. BEATTY, manufacturer and proprietor of the Beatty Piano and Beatty's celebrated Golden Tongue Parlor Organs, Washington, N. J., is certainly a very reasonable and generous man to transact business with. He makes this very fair proposition to any who may favor him with an order, as follows: "If the instrument does not prove satisfactory after a test trial of five days after receiving it the purchase money will be refunded upon the return of the instrument, and he will pay freight charges both ways." This is certainly an exceedingly generous, and safe manner in which to transact business with him. He warrants his instruments for six years. See his advertisement.

XX Robbins will not be driven from taking twenty dollar fees when he has an opportunity by the newspapers, even though the money should be the price of his vote in the North Carolina Senate.

NEW ARRIVAL FROM WILMINGTON.

This is to give notice that on the 16th day of March 1876, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Cape Fear District of North Carolina against the estate of John J. Lucas, of White Hall, in the county of Iredell, in said District, who has been adjudged bankrupt upon his own petition; that the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law, and a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden on the 15th day of April A. D. 1876, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at Fayetteville, N. C., before Wm. A. Guthrie, Esq., Register in Bankruptcy of said District.

J. B. HILL,
MAR 17 26 U. S. Marshal for said District.

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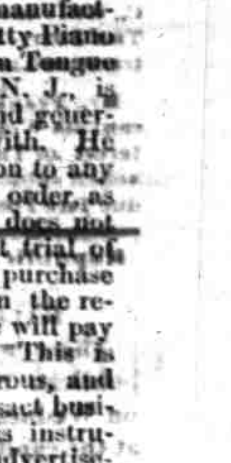
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