

The CAPE FEAR, a daily Democratic newspaper, is printed every morning except Monday, in the old Journal Building, lower floor, Princess street, at ten cents a week, \$1 25 for three months, \$2 50 for six months and \$5 for a year. Mailed or delivered by carrier in the city at these rates. Subscriptions by mail must invariably be prepaid.

Advertisements inserted for \$1 00 per square for the first day and 50 cts. additional for each day up to one week. One square (or inch) \$8 for one month, \$16 for three months, \$28 for six months, \$40 for twelve months. A quarter of a column for twelve months, with privilege of monthly changes, free of charge, \$67. A half column for one year, with like privilege, \$125. One column for one year \$200. Contracts for other space and time can be made at the office on liberal terms.

No communication will be published unless the same shall be accompanied by some responsible name, which is required, not for publication, but as a guaranty of good faith. Contributions of a merely personal character are not desired.

THE CAPE FEAR,
Wilmington, N. C.

CAPE FEAR.

CICERO W. HARRIS.

SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 3, 1876

NIL DESPERANDUM.

We have an abiding faith in the stern manhood of the yeomanry of our country. In this hour of supreme peril, when rascality plays its highest card and bayonets usurp the jurisdiction of courts, there is hope for the republic. Let Grant and Bond do their worst. Let Returning Boards count out honestly elected persons. The people watch. They make up judgment and pronounce sentence. And their judgment is righteous and their sentence absolute. No power will be able to arrest that judgment or suspend that sentence.

Through all this middle of Returning Boards and military interpositions we have kept heart in the great good sense of the people.

CONGRESS

Meets to-morrow. It will be the most memorable session since the great debates between Webster and Calhoun. The course of Congress in the matter of the Presidential vote may decide the whole future of the government.

MANLY ATTITUDE.

The letter of Senator Gordon, Gov. Hampton and Speaker Haskell to Gen. Ruger, is one of the strongest presentations of the Democratic cause in South Carolina that we have seen. It is the expression in firm, bold and nervous language of the righteous indignation felt in the State at the lawless proceedings by which the State House was turned into a fortress and the Commonwealth of South Carolina into a proconsulate. The letter rings and reverberates. It will be heard through the length and breadth of the land, and if we are not greatly mistaken it will, in connection with the sagacious course of Hampton and other leaders, compel attention and perhaps command assistance.

Here is the letter:

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 30.—To Gen. T. H. Ruger, Commanding U. S. Troops in South Carolina.—Dear Sir: We have just heard, through Major McGinnis, of your staff, your order communicated to Mr. Wallace, Speaker of the House of Representatives, that at 12 o'clock to-morrow the members elect from Edgefield would not be allowed upon the floor of the House. To say that we are surprised at such an order, after the explanations and pledges made by you to each one of us is to use very mild language. When the outrage of Tuesday last was committed by the placing of armed sentinels at the door of the House of Representatives, who decided upon the admission of members to their seats, and when the provisions of the Constitution and the decision of the Supreme Court were brought to your attention, you distinctly asserted again and again that your orders were misunderstood, and that you had not intended to have sentinels at the door of the hall, and that you had not and did not intend to assume to decide upon the loyalty of any man's seat or upon his right to enter the hall. You were then reminded by us that your guard received instructions from one Dennis, a citizen and partisan of Gov. Chamberlain, to admit parties upon his own pass or that of one Jones, and had through armed forces excluded all Democrats from the hall until the Republican organization was completed. You assured us again that such were not your orders. You were told by us that notwithstanding the perpetration of this inexpressible shame upon our free institutions and the rights of the people, the evils could still be remedied without any violence or bloodshed, by the simple withdrawal of your guard from the doors of the Hall; that the Democratic members would struggle with the Republicans, and by a majority of votes decide all questions in accordance with law and the usages of legislative bodies. You stated that no troops should be stationed at the door and that under no circumstances would you interfere except there should occur a serious disturbance of the peace. You affirmed your determination to exercise no supervisory control whatever over the body or bodies claiming to be the House of Representatives. All this occurred yesterday.

Last night, in a later interview with

Senator Gordon, you made the same assurances, and this morning, after both bodies were assembled in the hall, you assured General Hampton that under no circumstances would you interfere, except to keep the peace. What now can justify measure our astonishment at the issuance of such an order as the one just sent by you. There is no breach of the peace, and no prospect of its disturbance. You had it officially brought to your knowledge that absolute good humor prevails in that hall.

We cannot refrain from expressing the apprehension that the fact that a number of leading Republicans are taking issue with the legality of the proceedings by the Republican House has changed your views as to your line of duty.

It is proper that we should say, in conclusion, that we relied upon your honor as a man and your character as a soldier to maintain your pledged position of non-intervention.

The Democratic members from Edgefield and Laurens are entitled to their seats by the judgment of the Supreme Court of this State, and we have advised them to remain in that Hall until removed by your troops, that the issue may be made up in this centennial year of American Independence whether we have a government of laws, as construed by the courts, or a centralized despotism whose only law is force. Let the American people behold the spectacle of a Brigadier General of the army, seated by the side of Gov. Chamberlain, in a room of the State House, and issuing his orders to a Legislative body peacefully assembled in one of the original thirteen Commonwealths of this Union. Respectfully yours,

[Signed] J. B. GORDON,
WADE HAMPTON,
A. C. HASKELL.

You need not neglect your business when troubled with a cough or cold, if you only use a reliable remedy at once. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the best remedy we know of. Price 25 cents.

MISCELLANEOUS.

TO POSTMASTERS & NEWS DEALERS.

THE NEW YORK HERALD.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

The Daily Edition of the HERALD is conceded to be the "Greatest Newspaper of the age," both in point of circulation and popularity.

Published Every Day in the Year.
POSTAGE FREE.

\$10 pays for one year, Sundays included.

\$8 pays for one year, without Sundays.

\$5 pays for six months, Sundays included.

\$4 pays for six months, without Sundays.

\$2 pays for one year for any specified day of the week.

\$1 pays for six months for any specified day of the week.

\$1 pays for one month, Sundays included.

WE PUBLISH NO SEMI OR TRI WEEKLY EDITION.

THE WEEKLY HERALD.
POSTAGE FREE.

One copy, one year, \$2. Two copies \$3. Four copies, \$5. Any larger number at \$1.25 per copy.

We will receive from Postmasters and Newsdealers yearly subscriptions for single copies of our Weekly at \$1.25.

NEWSDEALERS SUPPLIED.
POSTAGE FREE.

Daily Edition, Two and a half cents per copy, except Sunday. Sunday Edition, Four cents per copy. Weekly Edition, Three cents per copy.

THE BALTIMORE SUN.

Published daily (except Sunday) at the Sun Iron Buildings, Southeast Corner of Baltimore and South streets;
by A. S. ABELL & Co.

Prices for Mailing:

Single copy, three cents; one month, sixty cents; two months, one dollar; three months, one dollar and fifty cents; six months, three dollars; 1 year, six dollars.

Postage prepaid at the office by the publishers.

No paper sent longer than paid for.

THE WEEKLY SUN.

One dollar and a half a year, and \$1 for six months, with

A Great inducement to nov 7-11 CLUBS.

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER
PUBLISHED BY
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO.
RALEIGH, N. C.

REV. C. T. BAILEY, Editor.
REV. J. D. HUFHAM, Associate Editor.
REV. W. T. WALTERS, D. D., Agricultural Editor.

ORGAN OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS.
In its Forty-First Year.
Every Baptist Should Take It.

As an Advertising Medium Unsurpassed Only \$2 10 per Year.

Address
BIBLICAL RECORDER,
Raleigh, N. C.

THE NEWSPAPERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

- Wilmington:
- NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN, weekly.
 - CAPE FEAR, daily (Democratic).
 - STAR, daily and weekly (Democratic).
- Raleigh:
- CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, weekly, Methodist.
 - BIBLICAL RECORDER, weekly (Baptist).
 - NEWS, daily and weekly (Democratic).
 - SENTINEL, weekly (Democrat).
 - NORTH CAROLINA GOOD TEMPLAR, weekly (Temperance).
 - FRIEND OF TEMPERANCE, weekly.
 - NORTH CAROLINA FARMER, weekly.
 - ERA, weekly (Radical).
- Charlotte:
- OBSERVER, daily and weekly (Democratic).
 - DEMOCRAT, weekly (Democratic).
 - SOUTHERN HOME, weekly (Democratic).
- Greensboro:
- PATRIOT, weekly (Democratic).
 - NEW NORTH STATE, weekly (Radical).
- Asheville:
- CITIZEN, weekly (Dem.)
 - EXPOSITOR, weekly (Dem.)
 - PIONEER, weekly (Dem.)
- Salisbury:
- WATCHMAN, weekly (Dem.)
 - EXAMINER, weekly (Dem.)
- Winston:
- PRESS, weekly (Dem.)
 - SENTINEL, weekly (Dem.)
- Statesville:
- LANDMARK, weekly (Dem.)
 - AMERICAN, weekly (Dem.)
- Morganton:
- BLADE, weekly (Dem.)
- Mont Airy:
- WATCHMAN, weekly (Dem.)
 - VISITOR, weekly (Rad.)
- Hickory:
- PRESS, weekly (Dem.)
- Lenoir:
- PROGRESS, weekly (Dem.)
- Shelby:
- BANNER, weekly (Dem.)
- Danbury:
- REPORTER, weekly (Dem.)
- Reidsville:
- NEWS, weekly (Dem.)
 - TIMES AND MERCURY, weekly (Dem.)
- Lexington:
- RECORD, weekly (Dem.)
 - , weekly, (Rad.)
 - GLEANER, weekly (Dem.)
- Hillsboro:
- RECORDEE, weekly (Dem.)
- Durham:
- TOBACCO PLANT, weekly (Dem.)
 - HERALD, weekly (Dem.)
- Oxford:
- TORCHLIGHT, weekly (Dem.)
- Warrenton:
- GAZETTE, weekly (Dem.)
 - CENTENNIAL, weekly (Dem.)
- Weldon:
- NEWS, semi-weekly (Dem.)
- Tarboro:
- SOUTHERNER, weekly (Dem.)
- Rocky Mount:
- MAIL, weekly (Dem.)
- Tolson:
- TRANSCRIPT, semi-monthly (Free Will Baptist.)
- Wilson:
- ADVANCE, weekly (Dem.)
 - ZION'S LANDMARK, semi-monthly (Primitive Baptist).
- Newbern:
- NUTSHELL, daily (Dem.)
 - NEWBERNIAN, semi-weekly (Dem.)
 - TIMES, weekly (Rad.)
- Washington:
- ECHO, weekly (Dem.)
 - WHAT NEXT, semi-weekly (Dem.)
- Elizabeth City:
- ECONOMIST, weekly (Dem.)
 - NORTH CAROLINIAN, weekly (Rad.)
- Goldensboro:
- MESSENGER, semi-weekly & weekly (Dem.)
- Magnolia:
- RECORD, weekly (Dem.)
- Lenoir:
- ROBESONIAN, weekly (Dem.)
- Fayetteville:
- GAZETTE, weekly (Dem.)
 - WIDE AWAKE, weekly (Dem.)
- Rockingham:
- COURIER, weekly (Dem.)
 - SPIRIT OF THE SOUTH, weekly (Rad.)
- Wadesboro:
- HERALD, weekly (Dem.)
- Folkton:
- ANSONIAN, weekly (Dem.)
- Monroe:
- ENQUIRER, weekly (Dem.)
- Concord:
- REGISTER, weekly (Dem.)
 - SUN, weekly (Dem.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cheap and Reliable

DEMOCRATIC ALWAYS

THE CAPE FEAR.

A NEW WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Devoted to the material, intellectual, moral and political interests of North Carolina.

Is offered to the public at the cheap rate of

10 Cents a Week, or \$5 a Year

THE CAPE FEAR WILL ADVOCATE

In a straightforward manner the principles of a pure and manly Democracy in State and Country. In its humble way it will uphold the banner unfurled by Jefferson, carried aloft by Jackson and now proudly borne by Tilden. The CAPE FEAR will recognize no difference between those who fight the battles of the people against high-handed Radicalism entrenched in places of power and seeking to maintain its corrupt hold on the same. By whatever name called, the Defenders of the Country's Liberty and the Inalienable Rights of the People are Democrats. To them the CAPE FEAR will ever speak with the voice of reason and affection. In their behalf the CAPE FEAR will ever be found struggling.

The new paper will give warm encouragement to the agricultural, mining and manufacturing interests of the State. It will urge immigration. But while it will extend the hand of welcome to the sturdy foreigner or other immigrant, it will seek to impress upon the people already here the necessity for economy, thrift, labor and fidelity to home and State. North Carolinians must build up North Carolina.

In presenting certain popular Literary Features the CAPE FEAR is ahead of its contemporaries. No American daily newspaper places original fiction habitually before its readers except in the form of sensational intelligence. Stories for the fire side, both serial and complete, will be found occupying a short space in the CAPE FEAR. The literary matter of the paper will, however, always be subordinated to the news.

Brevity and Conciseness, Accuracy and Impartiality will be leading characteristics of the Intelligence Department of the CAPE FEAR. The news of the day, City, State and General, will be presented in the clearest, concise and most attractive form possible. Usually the important news will be printed on the first page. Under this denomination we include the Market Reports and River and Marine Intelligence. Such matters are too frequently crowded in small type in a corner. The Commercial News will be carefully compiled and corrected.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

The basis is either on the week or the year. The CAPE FEAR will be furnished at Ten Cents per week, One Dollar and Twenty-Five Cents for Three Months, Two Dollars and Fifty Cents for Six Months and Five Dollars for One Year. Delivered by Carrier in the City or Suburbs. No paper sent by mail unless the subscription has been prepaid. Collections made by Carrier every week, and no paper delivered for a longer time than a week to any one who does not pay for it promptly. Cash is the word.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING

Are given in another place. These are made especially reasonable, in keeping with the times. Contracts can be effected on liberal terms for advertisers.

Address,
"THE CAPE FEAR,"
oct 15-1f WILMINGTON, N. C.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM, ADOPTED AT ST. LOUIS, JUNE 23, 1876.

We, the delegates of the Democratic party of the United States, in national convention assembled, do hereby declare the administration of the Federal Government to be in urgent need of immediate reform; do hereby enjoin upon the nominees of this convention and of the Democratic party in each State, a zealous effort and co-operation to this end, and do hereby appeal to our fellow-citizens of every former political connection to undertake with us this first and most pressing patriotic duty for the Democracy of the whole country.

We do here reaffirm our faith in the permanency of the Federal Union, our devotion to the Constitution of the United States, with its amendments, universally accepted as a final settlement of the controversies that engendered the civil war, and do here record our steadfast confidence in the perpetuity of republican self-government; in an absolute acquiescence in the will of the majority, the vital principle of the Republic; in the supremacy of the civil over the military authority; in the total separation of Church and State, for the sake alike of civil and religious freedom; in the equality of all citizens before the laws of their own enactment; in the liberty of individual conduct untraced by summary laws; in the faithful education of the rising generation, that they may preserve, enjoy and transmit these best conditions of human happiness and hope. We behold the noblest products of a hundred years of changeable history; but while upholding the bond of our Union and great charter of these our rights, it behooves a free people to practice also that eternal vigilance which is the price of liberty.

DEMOCRATIC FINANCE DEMANDS.

We demand a judicious system of preparation by public economies, by official retrenchments and by wise finance, which shall enable the nation to assure the whole world of its perfect ability and perfect readiness to meet any of its promises at the call of the creditor entitled to payment. We believe such a system well devised, and above all, entrusted to competent hands for execution, creating at no time an artificial scarcity of currency, and at no time alarming the public mind into the withdrawal of that vast machinery of credit by which 95 per cent. of all business transactions are performed—a system open, public and inspiring general confidence, would, from the day of adoption, bring healing wings to all our harassed industry, and set in motion the wheels of commerce, manufactures and the mechanical arts; restore employment to labor and renew, in all its national source, the prosperity of the people.

REFORM IN TAXATION.

Reform is necessary in the sum and mode of Federal taxation so that capital may be set free from distrust and labor lightly burdened. We denounce the present tariff levied upon nearly five thousand articles as a masterpiece of injustice, inequality and false pretence. It yields a dwindling, not a yearly rising revenue. It has impoverished many industries that still purchase the products of American labor; it has degraded American commerce from the first to an inferior rank upon the high seas. It has cut down the sales of American manufactures at home and abroad, and depleted the return of American agriculture or industry, followed by half our people. It costs the people five times more than it produces to the treasury, obstructs the processes of production, and wastes the fruits of labor. It promotes fraud and fosters smuggling, enriches dishonest officials and bankrupts honest merchants. We demand that all customs-house taxation shall be only for revenue.

RETRENCHMENT IN EXPENSES.

Reform is necessary in the scale of public expense, Federal, State and municipal out of Federal taxation has swollen from \$60,000,000, gold, in 1869, to \$450,000,000, currency, in 1876. Our aggregate taxation was from \$151,000,000, gold, in 1869, to \$730,000,000, currency, in 1870, or in one decade less than \$ per head to more than \$18 per head. Since the peace the people have paid to their taxation a debt, more than twice the sum of the national debt, more than twice that sum for the Federal government alone. We demand a vigorous frugality in every department and from every officer of the government.

WASTE OF THE PUBLIC LANDS.

Reform is necessary to put a stop to the profligate wastes of the public lands and their diversion from settlers by the partisans of a race not sprung from them.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENS AND HEATHEN CHINSE.

Reform is necessary to correct the mistakes of the Republican Congress and errors of our treaties, and our diplomatic relations which have stripped our adopted citizens of foreign birth and kindred race acrossing the Atlantic of the shield of American citizenship, and have exposed our brethren of the Pacific coast to the incursions of a race not sprung from them, some great parent stock, and, in fact, now by law denied citizenship through naturalization, as being neither accustomed to the habits of a progressive civilization, nor exercised in liberty under equal laws. We denounce the policy which thus discards the liberty-loving German and tolerates the revival of the Coolie trade in Mongolian women, imported for immoral purposes, and Mongolian men, hired to perform servile labor contracts, and demand such modification by Congress within a constitutional limitation, as shall prevent the further importation or immigration of the Mongolian race.

REFORM IS THE CAMPAIGN ISSUE.

Reform is necessary, and can never be effected but by making it the controlling issue of the election, lifting it above two false issues with which the office-holding class and the party in power seek to smother it. The false issue with which they would enkindle sectarian strife in respect to the public schools, of which the establishment and support belong exclusively to the several States, and which the Democratic party has cherished from their foundation, and resolved to maintain, without party or preference for any class or creed, and without contributing from the Treasury to any—the false issue by which they seek to lighten the dying embers of sectional hatred between kindred people, once unnaturally estranged, but now reunited in one indivisible Republic and a common destiny.

REFORM IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Reform is necessary in the civil service. Experience proves that the efficient, economical conduct of the governmental business is not possible if its civil service be subject to change at every election—be prize fought for at the ballot-box—be a brief reward of party zeal, instead of posts of honor, assigned for proved competency and held for fidelity in the public employment. That the dispensing of patronage should neither be a tax upon the time of all our public men, nor the instrument of their ambition. Here again professions falsified in their former careers, and the party in power can work out no practical or salutary reform.

REFORM AMONG THE HIGHEST PUBLIC SERVANTS.

Reform is necessary even more in the higher grades of public service—President,

Vice-President, Judges, Senators, Representatives, Cabinet officers. Those and others in authority, are the public servants. Their office, are a public trust; their conduct is a public example; their perquisite; they are a public trust; the annuals of this Republic show that the late Speaker of the House of Representatives marketing his ratings as a public officer; their friends profiting as a public servant; their votes as law-makers; five of the leading members of the late administration; Secretary of the Treasury; balances in the public accounts; Attorney General misappropriating public funds; a Secretary of the Navy enriched his friends by permitting his Department; an ambassador in England censured for a dishonest speculation; the President's private secretary barely escaping conviction for guilty connivance in fraud of the revenue; a Secretary of War involved in high crimes and confessed misdemeanors—the demonstration is complete that the first step in reform must be by the people, or honest men from the party. The disease of one political generation infects the body politic, and making no change of men or party, can get no change of measures.

RADICALS AND RADICALISM.

DRIVEN FROM POWER.

All these abuses, wrongs and errors—the product of the sixteen years of the party of the Republican party—were necessary for the reform, confessed by the radicals themselves. But their votes are voted down in convention and placed from the Cabinet. The honest voters is powerless to remove a single thousand office-holders and radicals.

Reform can only be had by a political revolution. We demand a change of administration, a change of parties, that we may have a change of men.

THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

Names of Officers.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Governor—Curtis H. Bragg, of Iredell.

Lieutenant Governor—R. M. Jones, of Iredell.

Secretary of State—W. H. Hester, of Wake.

Treasurer—D. A. Jenkins, of Guilford.

Auditor—John Kelly, of Cabarrus.

Attorney General—T. L. Garrison, of Transylvania.

Adjutant General—John C. Hester, of Wake.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—John Pool, of Pasquotank.

Governor's Private Secretary—James Seathery, of Wake.

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT.

Chief Justice Supreme Court—Wm. M. Pearson, of Yadkin.

Associate Justices—Edwin C. Beaufort, W. B. Rodman, of Johnston; Thomas Settle, of Rockingham; E. L. Yarnum, of Mecklenburg.

Chief of Supreme Court—W. L. Wiley, of Wake.

Justices—J. A. Wicker, of Wake.

Officers of the Municipality of Wilmington.

Mayor—W. P. Canaday.

Aldermen—T. M. Gardner, J. B. B. Bates, J. H. Neff, R. G. Hiram Hankins, col., Duncan B. Col., W. H. Brewington, col., J. Banks, col.

Clerk and Treasurer—T. C. Soper.

Chief of Fire Department—Joseph C. Federals.

Collector of Customs—Joseph C. Deputy Collector—R. W. Chadwick.

Postmaster—E. R. Brink.

THE SUN!

LEADING CHEAP NEWSPAPER

—THE—

WORLD!

BRIGHT.

FRESH.

FEARLESS.

The New York Sun, at 107 Nassau, is the Cheapest and Best Newspaper in the

United States!

The Weekly Sun—price \$1 00 annum, postage paid—a fine paper for

COUNTRY!

And for those who have no leisure for daily reading.

Address,

THE SUN,
NEW YORK

oct 16-1f

W. A. DAVIS & Co.,
Editors and Prop'rs. Business Managers.

THE OXFORD TORCH-LIGHT

Circulation over 2,000 Copies.

Two Dollars Per Annum, in Advance.

The Democratic Organ of Georgia.