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## THE BIG STEAL.

### STATE NATIONAL BANK ROBBED BY ITS PRESIDENT AND CASHIER.

Raleigh Plunged in Wildest Dismay over the Conduct of two of its Best Citizens.

We announced in our last issue that C. E. Cross, President of the State National Bank, and Sam C. White, its cashier, had absconded with a large amount of money, and that many people had been ruined thereby. No one can tell the amount stolen. The current statement is that the amount is \$250,000. Some say \$350,000. The absconders have done their work well. They are believed to have long ago made all their arrangements and "salted down" their funds, so ill-gotten. They even got a large sum of money which came by express Saturday and took it with them. They left in the bank, it is said only \$3,500 in notes, enough for the paying teller's use, so that he would not have to go into the safe.

There are a thousand rumors afloat about the matter. There is a feeling of intense indignation against both the defaulters. It was learned that one of them had told his family that he would be in Canada Monday. Both men probably got to Montreal early Monday morning.

Both men are said to have acted strangely for a week or so, and to have driven away every afternoon from the rear of the bank, so a policeman said.

A careful examination will be made, and not until then, will the precise amount be known. But no one estimates it now at less than \$250,000. The new directors are very sore over their loss.

One Wake county farmer had \$50,000 in the bank, another \$16,000. The State only a small sum on deposit there. The county had only \$16,000, it is learned.

There is no panic; no run, or signs of a run on the other banks. They are solid, they are trusted.

### LETTER FROM ROCKY MOUNT.

Politics Discussed by an Able and Interesting Writer.

DEAR MR. BLOUNT.—A plow, or hoe, or any agricultural implement not in use is likely to become unfit for service. This appears with almost equal force to the mind.

A regular newspaper writer has no excuse for infringing on copy-rights. This does not apply so much to the occasional "nom de plume" under the column-heading "correspondence."

"Nom de plumes" are not unfrequent political years. They advocate what is politically known as "vox populi." (Politicians are sensitive sometimes of this latin combination.) These birds—I mean the "plumed" ones—carry certain news to certain places for certain candidates. If I may be called one of those birds I propose to carry certain news to certain places for certain people who are the peoples candidates, by these presents.

Every leap year a President of the United States is elected. It has been so ever since the "Father of his country" made it so. In these years the fairer sex are permitted to take the fair sex to hops and the like, (excuse little h in spelling). And they exert wonderful influence, too. In this South land they make Democrats of boys and men. There is policy among the men and women and they put it into politics every four years. They did it when they elected Cleveland, and they will do it again. When Cleveland was elected and inaugurated he was not married, but he soon found it would never do to remain single.

Well, I have said who should again be President. Now, with your permission, I will proceed to nominate our next Governor. He will be the choice of the people, in Democratic convention assembled, and a man worthy to fill the place.

That man is either Steadman, Fowle, Clark, Carr, Alexander, Cox, Cooke, Mason, Jarvis or Holt, or some other whose name I may have accidentally omitted.

But, I must proceed to business. The present Treasurer, Secretary of State, and Attorney General, will likely be retained. I will, therefore, proceed to nominate, on behalf of a multitude of Democrats, who carry the banner high every election day, a Democrat for the position of Auditor in the department of our State government.

Edgecombe county—the mother of counties, pretty women, honest men and faithful Democrats, an ex-State, presents the

name of that gallant radical fighter and conquerer, Henry Clay Bourne. On behalf of Democracy of a sister county I desire to pen an endorsement. As an evidence of his worth to his party, and the esteem in which he is held, several of our staunch Democratic newspapers have endorsed him with one accord.

The days of 1876 are yet unforgotten. The men who redeemed our beloved State from Radical rule are yet remembered, and will be till Democracy shall have ceased to exist. Henry Clay Bourne was captain general of a solid and gallant Edgecombe force. If in that year twenty white men in that county failed to go to the polls and vote the Democrat ticket ten years investigation have failed to show it. In recognition of Bourne's gallant service in that campaign and later ones that caused personal sacrifices, I assert that to him the State Democracy is much indebted. He is a pleasing and powerful speaker upon political issues, and he would do good campaign work. I know that our transmontane Democrats would give practical and substantial applause to his canvass, and would gladly hail an eastern brother on whose forehead the mark of Democratic victory is Bo(u)rne.

I must not omit to speak of a man in this county who stands upon a strong platform of principles and friends. Benjamin H. Bunn, by his steadfast adherence to Democratic principles, and fair dealing in the profession to which he is an honor, will wear a crown worthy the confidence and love of his people. He will be the nominee for Congress in the metropolitan district.

This writer has it from reliable authority that the Honorable C. M. Cooke is not a candidate now for the nomination his many friends sought to give him in the last contest.

It is, therefore, thought now that the only name to be presented for the consideration of the forth coming Congressional Convention will be the name that Nash county will present to meet an enthusiastic endorsement.

Let the contract for honors be withdrawn when candidates from nominating conventions are born. Let peace and harmony everywhere prevail, and faithful Democrats the aims will avail.

I am told by the winds that are gently waving political plumes that Nash county will go Democratic in this year of grave three hundred at least.

The crops are promising, and the farmers are looking ahead to cotton-chopping and tobacco-curing, and most of them will be able soon to pay for your good paper—back rations, too. "VOX POPULI."

### Union Meetings.

The Tar River Association will be held at Scotland Neck, N. C., April 26-29, 1888: ORDER OF EXERCISES.

THURSDAY.—7:30 P. M., Service of Song. 8:00 P. M., Sermon by T. J. Taylor, of Warrenton.

FRIDAY. 9:30 A. M., Prayer and praise. 10:00 A. M., organization. 10:30 A. M., "Permanency in the pastoral relation," J. W. Wildman, of Greenville. 11:00 A. M., sermon by George J. Dowell, of Hamilton.

2:30 P. M., "Our villages and country neighborhoods: how they are to be supplied with the preaching of the gospel," J. H. Tucker, of Greenville, and C. Durham, of Raleigh. 4:00 P. M., "The religious newspaper: its place and its value in our denominational work," W. B. Morton, of Weldon, and C. T. Bailey, of Raleigh. 7:30 P. M., service of song. 8:00 P. M., sermon by T. P. Lide, of Wilson.

SATURDAY.—9:30 A. M., Prayer and praise. 10:00 A. M., "The higher education of young men: what the present crisis requires of the Baptists in relation thereto," C. E. Taylor and C. S. Farris, of Wake Forest. 11:00 A. M., sermon by J. W. Wildman. 2:00 P. M., "A system of colportage: its practicability and importance," C. Durham and T. J. Taylor. 3:30 P. M., "A closer union among christians of different denominations: is it attainable or desirable?" T. P. Lide and J. A. Leslie.

SUNDAY.—9:00 A. M., Sunday school exercises. 11:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M., preaching.

### A Great Editor Dead.

Ex-Gov. William Dorsheimer editor of the New York Star is no more. He left New York March 15th and was then in perfect health. He was accompanied only by Mrs. Dorsheimer. They were on their way to Florida when he took a slight cold and died in Savannah, Ga.

## A MIXTURE.

### EDITORIAL ETCHINGS EUPHONIOUSLY ELUCIDATED.

Numerous Newsy Notes and Many Merry Morsels Paraphrastically Packed and Pithily Pointed.

—A pointer on pork—The pig's nose.  
—The path of duty—Through the Custom House.

—A week feature in the calendar—Every seven days.

—The King Sweden will visit Italy and Spain in April.

—It causes no surprise to know that the hospital is ill-supplied.

—The earliest partnership mentioned in the Bible is Jerry Co.

—The most insane of the cereals is undoubtedly cracked wheat.

—The barber is a firm believer in the theory of rotation of crops.

—The men who marry most frequently for money are the ministers.

—A rich deposit of silver has been discovered in Scott county, Ky.

—The poet who scratches for fame should use a pen that scratches.

—Another blizzard set in a few days ago in the upper peninsula of Michigan.

—A poet sings: "A little further on I shall find rest." Keep him moving.

—Over 500,000 acres of Southern timber land have been sold since January 1.

Randolph county has 64 postoffices—the largest number of any county in the State.

—Great damage was done to wheat and fruits throughout Illinois recently by sleet.

—Ex-Gov John T. Hoffman, of New York is dead in London of heart disease, aged 60.

—Senator George Hearst, the California millionaire, spends \$50,000 a year on his racing stable.

—The fellow that has been leaving the office door open all winter will be around shortly to shut it.

—Extensive washouts near Kansas City, Mo., have caused railway trains to be delayed since Friday.

—A New Yorker can go to the Rocky mountains and tackle bears cheaper than he can on Wall street.

—A person may take up his residence without loss of character, but the shoplifter is universally abhorred.

—The woman who can control her tongue is greater than he who taketh a city. She is also scarcer.

—"You are chokin' my fingers," complained a little tot to its mother, who was holding its hand too tightly.

—"Of what did you say they convicted the doctor?" "Well, I don't know exactly, but I suppose it was purgery."

—The philosopher says: "Wise men hesitate." Perhaps that is why so few men are in haste to pay their bills.

—Over nine hundred convicts are idle at Auburn Prison in consequence of the exhaustion of the appropriation.

—Odd, isn't it, but people who pass their lives, so to speak, on beds of down, seldom get down in the mouth.

—Giving slippers to clergymen has gone out of fashion. The disobedient children get them just the same, however.

—Dr. Schliemann has set out for the East with the firm determination of finding the real tomb of Alexander the Great.

—Who says poker is losing ground in Europe? Florence and Italy proudly boasts that she will soon hold four queens.

—Gov. Lee and wife have been called back to Richmond from Florida by the illness of Miss Ellen Lee, their oldest daughter.

—The man who has an expensive health-lift fitted up in his bedroom seldom gets up muscle enough to bring up the family coal.

—The perforation at the stub end of a check, my dear boy, indicate precisely where the check won't tear when you pull on it.

—It makes a great difference to a young man who is courting a girl whether she takes a great interest in his welfare or his farewell.

—The remains of the 158 Confederate soldiers buried at Newport News, Va., are to be removed to Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond.

—George Westinghouse, Jr., inventor of the air brake, is worth \$9,000,000. This is, perhaps, the largest fortune ever made out of wind.

—A Texas woman has invented a pie safe, but that is not what this country is aching for. A safe pie is the howling need of the hour.

—The steamer experiment, of the Clyde Line, had a hole torn in her bottom and sank in seven feet of water, near North river bar, N. C.

—The hay press was invented by a woman, which leads a wag to suggest that she got the idea from a desire to be hugged from all sides at once.

—A blind man H. H. Singleton, of To-cocoo, Ga., is able to tell the denomination of a bank note by feeling it, and can count money as rapidly as a bank clerk.

—Speaker Carlisle is said to be the leading horse in the race for the Chief Justiceship. Jenks, of Pennsylvania, is also spoke of favorably. Secretary Bayard is spoken of also. The man selected ought to be a great lawyer.

—The Delaware river is filled with floating ice from the mountains, an unusual condition of affairs so late in the season. The shad season will necessarily be postponed for several weeks and will probably not reach its height before May 1.

—Advices from the Congo river up to January 27 contain no further news from Stanley. It was thought there that he was too far up the river for news of him to be received by way of the Congo, and that he would next be heard of from Zanzibar.

—In 1886, Russia in Europe had 87,472,900 population. On the 4th of July 1887, the population of the United States was estimated to be 60,000,000. The German Empire is put at 46,882,712, France at 37,672,048, Great Brittain and Ireland at 36,325,115 and Italy at 29,361,032.

—No less than 1,700 young men and 500 young women are now in the colleges and seminaries of this country who have promised their lives to the cause of Christianity among heathen peoples. About one-third of them will be ready for active labor before the end of this year.

—Rev. Dr. Hoge, of Richmond, has been invited by the citizens of Louisville to deliver his splendid lecture on the "Confederate Soldier" in that city soon in the interest of the monument cause. The invitation came through Gov. Lee. Dr. Hoge has not yet responded to the invitation.

—The Academy at Pekin has got up an encyclopaedia in 160,000 volumes. We don't know what happens to the Japanese book agent who goes around soliciting subscribers for encyclopaedie in 160,000 volumes, one to be delivered every other week, but in this country he would be killed several times a day.

—Judge Waite was the ninth to sit as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Of these the South furnished the second, John Rutledge, of South Carolina; John Marshall, of Virginia, and Roger B. Taney, of Maryland. Judge Marshall served for 34 years; Judge Taney for 29 years, and Judge Waite for 14 years.

—If Mr. Carlisle is made Chief Justice, Judge Charles F. Griswold, of Georgia, will in all probability be elected Speaker of the House, although Mr. Cox, of New York, and Mr. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, and Mr. Hatch, of Wisconsin, will have friends to press their claims. It is known that the President is a great admirer of Speaker Carlisle.

—The State of Texas has a larger area of Square miles than any European country save Russia. It has 262,290 square miles. Austria is the largest of European powers except Russia and it has but 240,942 square miles. Germany has 211,149, and France 204,177. Texas is far too large and ought to be cut up into at least three States. North Carolina is fourteenth in size among the States. It has 48,580 square miles.

—Rev. Dr. Moses J. Hoge, the greatest living Presbyterian speaker no doubt, is to deliver in May at Louisville, Ky., a sermon on the Catholicity of Presbyterianism. This is the Presbyterian Centennial year. In May, in the city of Philadelphia, there is to be a gathering of intellectual forces. Among the southern speakers are such distinguished and able men as Dr. Hoge, Dr. Palmer, of New Orleans, Representative W. C. P. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, and Mr. J. R. Tucker, of Virginia. If the North can eclipse these gentlemen it will have to do better than ever before.

## STATE NEWS.

### FROM THE DEEP BLUE SEA TO THE GRAND OLD MOUNTAINS.

An Hour Pleasantly Spent With Our Delightful Exchanges.

There are 550 farmers' alliances in the State.

Milton has a bank and now wants another railroad.

There are 37 bonded distilleries in Iredell county.

Randolph county has not issued a liquor license in seventeen years.

There will be a celebration at Guilford battle ground on May 5th.

In the Statesville jail there are seven prisoners charged with murder.

There is not a white voter in Robeson county that cannot read or write.

The ladies of Greensboro, N. C., are trying to raise \$5,000 to establish a hospital.

The population of Mt. Airy has increased from one to three thousand in the past year.

The North Carolina crop report indicates that the usual crop of tobacco will be planted.

A contract has already been given for machinery for the cotton seed oil mill at Tarboro.

Mr. Geo. W. Vanderbilt, of New York, is in Hendersonville, it is said, looking out for a site for a big hotel.

Greensboro Female College will graduate thirty-two young ladies at the annual Commencement in June.

The Citizen is informed that half the peach crop in the vicinity of Asheville has been killed. Calamitous.

Since first of last December there have been 72 fertilizer license issued against 74 for the whole of last year.

A white man was in Reidsville last week who wore a beard that touched ankles. He was nearly six feet high.

The citizens of Newbern and surrounding section are taking steps to organize the Fair Association into a permanent institution.

The Lessees of the Atlantic hotel at Morehead City have already received over eight hundred applications for rooms during the coming season.

Hon. Daniel G. Fowle, has accepted the invitation to deliver the Annual Address at the closing exercises of Salen High School in Sampson county.

Solid blocks of stone 10x15 feet are being furnished by the Wadesboro Brown Stone Company, for the Maryland State House at Annapolis. Each block is valued at \$500.

The Danville & North Carolina Railroad Company, whose line is intended to form a junction with the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley road at Madison, N. C., has also been organized.

A plant of 2,000 spindles for making carpet warps has been purchased and will be put in operation near Weaver's on Broad river as soon as a dam and necessary building can be erected.

The colored people of Halifax are agitated at the disappearance of one of their preachers. He went to look after a fire in the wood and never came back, and no trace of him can be found.

Dr. B. F. Dixon, superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum has bought the Goldsboro broom factory and will remove it to Oxford, where it will be operated as an industrial feature of the Asylum.

Blackwell's Durham Co-operative Tobacco Company since 1883 has produced more than 17,000,000 pounds of smoking tobacco, paid \$1,500,000 internal revenue tax and consumed about 55,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco.

The Charlotte & Weldon Railroad—it will be built. Dr. McAden, Col. Wm. Johnson and the large number of business men of Charlotte, engaged in the enterprise, mean business. They are not fooling about the matter.

A remarkably handsome woman is said to be the moving spirit in a philanthropic movement in Russia to supply the poor of that country with Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

In chronic and stubborn cases of neuralgia, gout, and rheumatism use Salvation Oil. It is the greatest pain-destroyer of the age. Price only 25 cents.