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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For President,
WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN,
of Nebraska.
For Vice President,
ARTHUR SEWALL,
of Maine.

ELECTORAL TICKET.

At Large—LOCKE CRAIG.
Third District—C. R. THOMAS.
Sixth District—B. F. KEITH.
Seventh District—THEO. F. KLUTTZ.
Eighth District—TYRE YORK.
Ninth District—R. D. GILMER.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

For Governor,
CYRUS B. WATSON,
of Forsyth.
For Lieutenant Governor,
THOMAS W. MASON,
of Northampton.
For Secretary of State
CHARLES M. COOKE,
of Franklin.
For Treasurer,
BENJAMIN F. AYCOCK,
of Wayne.
For Auditor,
ROBERT M. FURMAN,
of Buncombe.
For Attorney General,
FRANK I. OSBORNE,
of Mecklenburg.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction,
JOHN C. SCARBOROUGH,
of Johnston.
For Justices Supreme Court,
A. C. AVERY, of Burke.
GEO. H. BROWN, Jr., of Beaufort.
For Superior Court Judge, Fifth District:
JAMES S. MANNING, of Durham.
For Congress, Sixth District,
JAMES A. LOCKHART,
of Anson.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For the Senate—W. C. DOWD.
For the House—HERIOT CLARKSON,
R. M. RANSON, J. SOL REID.
For Sheriff—Z. T. SMITH.
For Register of Deeds—J. W. COBB.
For Treasurer—EDGAR H. WALKER.
For Surveyor—J. B. SPRATT.
For Coroner—A. A. CATHEY.
For Constables, Charlotte Township—
H. C. IRWIN, J. H. ALEXANDER.
For County Commissioners:
JOHN H. SADLER,
P. M. BROWN,
W. F. KUYKENDAL.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1896.

MAJ. GUTHRIE'S OPPORTUNITY.

It is our judgment that two weeks from to-day Mr. Watson will be elected Governor. There is one gentleman who can make that result certain, and he ought to be good enough to do it. The reference is to Maj. W. A. Guthrie. He cannot want to see Judge Russell elected—that is not to be thought of. He cannot be elected himself, and he of course knows it. In his campaign speeches he has demonstrated his fidelity to the cause of silver by urging his fellow-partymen to vote for no goldbug for any office—this notwithstanding that his party has fused on a number of candidates who are either secretly or openly gold standard men. Judge Russell he knows to be a gold standard man. Now, desiring, as he does, the defeat of all gold-bugs, and desiring even above that the well-being of North Carolina, he could do no more patriotic thing, could do nothing that would contribute so much to his fame, as to withdraw from the race for Governor and request his followers to give their support to Mr. Watson. He and Mr. Watson are friends; they are in agreement upon a great many questions, primarily the money question; and even if the Governor of North Carolina can exercise no influence upon this, Maj. Guthrie would naturally rather see a man of his own views elected than one of Judge Russell's. He has the opportunity of a lifetime in his hands. He can give to the State a good Governor, his candidacy may result in giving it a bad one. He has, as he deserves, the confidence of his party, and if he would withdraw and tell his followers to vote for Mr. Watson, the great bulk of them would do so, and this gentleman would be elected beyond peradventure.

Opportunity, like fortune, knocks once at every man's door. It knocks at Maj. Guthrie's now—the opportunity to do his State a great and lasting service and to perpetuate his name.

RUSSELL AND HIS NEIGHBORS.

Let every man who has any interest in the prosperity of this State," says the Wilmington Messenger, "and all who are loyal and true to the ancestral faith and traditions and the historic past of North Carolina, unite against Russell and Butler, the two arch-enemies of all that is good and pure and prosperous and glorious that may concern this Commonwealth. If you choose to differ from our party on a great, a most momentous question, do not forget North Carolina." A newspaper does not like to speak unkindly of a citizen of its own town who is running for an important public office, no matter how great the political differences between it and him. It would much rather speak agreeably of him or not at all. When it does otherwise it is not for pleasure's sake but from a sense of duty. Thus it is, doubtless, with the Messenger in this instance. It and Judge Russell are neighbors, and yet it specifically warns the people against him as an arch-enemy "of all that is good and pure and prosperous and glorious that may concern this Commonwealth." A mass meeting of the citizens of Wilmington weeks ago denounced him to the State as a violent and dangerous man, and at that time we observed that there is necessarily something wrong with a man of whom his own neighbors speak so. Repetition of the obsevation is timely now in view of the Messenger's warning.

There is an immense amount of illegal registration in Charlotte for the coming election, as was set forth in an editorial article in this paper Sunday. Our exchanges from different towns and cities of the State represent that many names are on the registration books of their localities illegally. It will not do for the Democrats to allow themselves to be beaten out of the election by manifest fraud without trying to prevent it or without punishing the guilty. The Observer is authorized to request that anyone having knowledge of negroes illegally registered in Charlotte or Mecklenburg county shall lodge the facts with W. W. Phifer, secretary of the Democratic county executive committee, to-day, or as early as possible, and the committee will undertake to see what can be done about it.

The latest deal, by which Ruffin Henderson, of Wilkes, comes off the Republican State ticket as the candidate for Auditor, and the Republicans and Populists agree on Hal Ayer, the Populist nominee for that office, gives Hallelujah a fair chance of realizing his end of that "relief" which he has so long and so faithfully preached unto the people as theirs by right.

DE SENECTUTE.

The Observer the other day referred to the venerable gentlemen who head the Indianapolis ticket as "Old Man Palmer" and "Old Man Buckner." We note with regret that a correspondent, "B," to-day construes this reference as disrespectful, for it was certainly not so intended. The Observer is hospitable to old age, and never stands in its presence save with its hat in its hand. The "snow that never melts" is a crown of glory to the head that it has fallen upon. We doubt if youth, in all the splendor of its verile, impetuous strength, is so potent a factor in the world to-day as old age with its beneficent influence, accumulated through the years. The young man Samson carried off the gates of Gaza upon his shoulders, but the prayer of the old man Elijah called down fire from heaven. Gladstone speaks, and the world leans forward to listen. He is England's Grand Old Man. But who in the Liberal party in England is worthy to wear his mantle? Is there not now, even, difficulty to find a successor to the young man Rosebery, the lately resigned leader? The Germans are proud of their spirited young Emperor, but the love and confidence of the Fatherland go out to the white-haired Prince Bismarck. Where is the sovereign of Europe who receives such homage as the venerable Victoria? The Observer respects the old age of the broad-gauged Palmer, who wore the blue from Illinois. It respects the old age of the chivalric Buckner, of Kentucky, in whose personality is represented all that is honorable and picturesque in the true Southern gentleman of the old school. It differs with them but it respects them. Presuming upon its hospitality to old age, the Observer may perhaps have leaned to far towards familiarity in its reference to Generals Palmer and Buckner. But it hopes for a better fate than that which awaited the children in the olden time who mocked at the aged prophet. It trusts that it has convinced its correspondent, "B," that it has never been guilty of saying, "Go up, thou bald head." No the Observer is respectful to old age.

The most striking fact in the markets of late has been the advance in wheat. It is now 20 cents higher than at the opering of the crop year, and there are those who predict dollar wheat by Christmas. That may or may not be. By many the advance is attributed to political influence, but the more likely cause of the upward movement is "the decreased production of the principal exporting countries which compete with the United States in the world's markets and the consequent diversion of demand to American wheat."

The New York Recorder, Republican, has given up the ghost after an existence of five years. This is the paper against which Mr. Buck Duke, of the American Tobacco Company, formerly of Durham, blew in so much money. He wanted a newspaper and established the Recorder, and had a very excellent paper made of it. He realized, for five years, a desire of his heart, and he will doubtless remember it—by what it cost him.

PALMER AND BUCKNER

They Deserve to Be Honored, Old Men As They Are.

To the Editor of the Observer:

I observe that you stigmatize the candidates of the "National Democratic Party" that is the party without any infusion of Populism, as old men—as "the Old Man Palmer" or "the Old Men Palmer and Buckner." Is this intended as disparagement of Palmer and Buckner, men who have served the State acceptably and honorably in a long life, and had promised to themselves retirement from their laborious public duty in their old age—but who, by public exigencies and public dangers of the State have been induced to enter again conspicuously the arena of public life? Is not such conduct to be admired? Does it afford no warning of the times, no omen of public danger?

Had Rehoboam taken the counsel of "the old men," his kingdom would not have been divided—but the thing was judicially "from the Lord" that he should despise their counsel and harken to "the young men." Hence followed discontent and the opportunity for Jeroboam, and for the secession of the ten tribes. For my part, I honor these distinguished citizens of Illinois and Kentucky, who, old men as they are, are not too old to do duty for their country's good. B.

AN OLD AILMENT

Years Ago Mrs. Castle Was Afflicted With Kleptomania

San Francisco Dispatch, 17th.

There are now in this city two ladies who have known Mrs. Walter Castle all her life. They are Mrs. Charles D. Stearns and Miss Ida Morrison, her sister. Their home for many years was in Wilmington, N. C., and there it was that they became intimate with Mrs. Castle, who was then Miss Ella Weill. They were aware at the time that Miss Weill had an uncontrollable mania for taking what did not belong to her, and they have made sworn affidavits stating this fact, to be sent to London, where Mrs. Castle and her wealthy husband are now under $150,000 bonds, charged with shoplifting.

"Ella Weill was a beautiful and charming young woman," said Miss Morrison. "Everyone in Wilmington knew of her unfortunate weakness, but nevertheless, she was a universal favorite. That was twelve years ago. I have seen her but once since then. We all know it was a disease. Her family had an understanding with the merchants of Wilmington, and whatever she appropriated was always paid for."

McCALL AT BELMONT—CHANGES IN TICKETS.

Correspondence of the Observer.

Belmont, Oct. 17.—By special invitation of the Democrats of Belmont, Hon. J. D. McCall met the county candidates here Friday afternoon and delivered a rousing two hour speech. His arguments were clear and forceful and every point was clinched with an anecdote so amusing as to affect the risibles of even the sternest Republican.

Thursday night the Republicans took down their candidate for the House in favor of Stroup, the Populist. To-day Stroup was withdrawn and J. J. White substituted.

CLARKE MAY BE APPOINTED DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Associate Justice White, of the Supreme Court, under the law, has appointed Mr. G. P. Moore United States district attorney ad interim for the middle district of Alabama, vice Mr. Clayton, removed.

The President expects to make the appointment soon, and the name of Hon. R. H. Clarke, who ran against Governor Johnston for the Democratic nomination for Governor, is prominently mentioned in this connection.

A COTTON OIL MILL IN TEXAS BURNED.

Corsicana, Texas, Oct. 19.—The National Oil Company's cotton oil mill, together with machinery and a large quantity of cotton seed and crude and refined oils, was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is estimated at $75,000, fully covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is supposed to be accidental. Over 100 men were thrown out of employment.

THE AGED GENERALS IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—General Palmer and General Buckner arrived in this city from New Orleans at noon to-day. They were met at the Illinois Central depot by a committee of sound money Democrats and escorted to the Palmer House where they will remain until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, when they will leave on a tour through Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

CHICAGO WILD ABOUT WHEAT.

FORTUNES WERE MADE IN AN HOUR.

The Chicago Market Opened With a Jump of 3 Cents Over Saturday's Closings—Armour Bought and Cudahy Sold—London, Liverpool, Paris and Berlin Contributed to the Bull News—Europe Wants Wheat.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—In the midst of a scene of wild excitement, such as veteran traders recall in war times, December wheat opened on the Chicago board of trade to-day anywhere from 73½ cents to 75½ cents, after closing officially Saturday at 75⅝ cents. It was an average three-cent jump to begin the furor with, and in its startling suddenness and effect it came like a bomb in the board. Eighty-cent wheat was missed by a quarter of a cent only, the top notch of the sensational session being 79¾. But the market was not all upwards. It oscillated between Saturday's closing price and the top, reacted to 78¾ cents, then went to 79¾ cents and flashed all around this point with a bewildering assortment of changes. The December futures broke toward the close, the last official price being 77⅞ cents, but that was ⅛ cent above Saturday's closing.

Before the commotion in the pit began, the English cables, posted on 'change, told the feverish crowd that wheat was wanted by the United Kingdom. London, Liverpool, Paris and Berlin contributed their quota of bull news and served to tune the excited crowd to the pitch of a three-cent rise at the opening. The traders on both sides of the market realized it was not a local one, which was shown by the prices remaining firm in the face of heavy selling of long lines by holders to get the profits.

The feature of the day was that everybody was making money. Paying business came to the brokers from Tacoma to New Brunswick. P. D. Armour was a heavy buyer and there was a report that John Cudahy sold big lots of his wheat holdings, but it was not supposed to have sold all of his long line.

The rush of business on the Minneapolis market, where the opening price was almost 5 cents above the Saturday closing, was taken as evidence of the strength of the Northwestern market. Strong as the demand was locally, wheat could only be got when men were found willing to let it go. Fortunes were made in an hour. President Baker said: "The activity is due to strong foreign markets. Liverpool showing an advance of 6 cents a bushel. Great Britain wants our wheat, but it is absurd to talk of wheat being shipped to Argentina."

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

Resolutions adopted by the senior class of the Medical College of South Carolina in memory of their late brother, T. C. Sandifer:

Touched with sorrow by the announcement that one of our members T. C. Sandifer, has been called to his eternal rest, before the budding promise of early manhood could yield its fulfilment of maturity, and wishing to pay our humble tribute to his memory, be it

Resolved, That in his death we personally grieve the loss of a true and sincere friend, and our class the loss of an earnest and devoted member, whose whole life was moved by the loftiest conception of duty.

Resolved, That we extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy in their deep bereavement, and that a copy of these resolutions be published in the Charleston News and Courier and in the Charlotte (N. C.) Daily Observer.

DOUGLAS HAMER,
H. H. WYMAN,
U. P. WEBB,
Committee.

Adopted this, the 14th day of October 1896. M. K. MAZYCK, President.
W. G. STEVENS, Secretary and Treasurer.

DEMOCRATS CAN NOW GO TO WORK.

Wilmington Star.

The Star is glad to announce that all talk of fusion has ended, as the following telegraphic correspondence will show:

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 15.
Hon. Clement Manly, Chairman, Etc., Raleigh, N. C.:
Can we go to work now with the distinct understanding that there will be no changes whatever in our ticket?
WM. H. BERNARD,
Of the State Executive Committee.

To the above the following laconic, but highly satisfactory, reply was received:

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 16.
Wm. H. Bernard, Wilmington, N. C.:
YES. CLEMENT MANLY,
Chm. State Dem. Ex. Committee.

CONCRETE ROOF AT CHARLOTTESVILLE FALLS.

Charlottesville, Va., Oct. 19.—The concrete roof of the new one-story lecture room of the University of Virginia collapsed this morning. Under the mass of concrete which fell to the floor workmen were buried. The dead are George Tucker and Eugene Burch. The injured: V. W. Chambers, probable fracture of the skull; F. D. Bowen, injured in skull; Jos. Lamb, head cut and probable spinal injuries.

A GOOD DEAL OF SILVER COINED AND SHIPPED.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The gold reserve at the close of business to-day has declined to $121,721,261. The day's withdrawals at New York were $285,500.

The issue of standard silver dollars from the mints and Treasury offices for the first week of October was $604,563, and for the corresponding period last year was $1,282,485.

The shipment of fractional silver coin since October 1st, aggregated $869,874.

THE CUTTER WINDOM SAILS UNDER SEALED ORDERS.

Baltimore, Oct. 19.—The United States revenue cutter Windom will sail tonight under sealed orders. No one on board will know her destination until clear of land when Captain Hand will open the orders which have been in his possession since Saturday. It is supposed she is ordered to proceed to Key West or other points along the gulf coast where she will receive orders to keep a sharp lookout for filibustering expeditions leaving the Southern coast for Cuba.

SENATOR PRITCHARD SICK BUT BETTER—TO RESUME HIS WORK

Special to the Observer.

Marshall, Oct. 19.—Senator Pritchard has been detained at his home since last Thursday on account of sickness. His appointment at Winston last Saturday was postponed till next Wednesday night. It was thought at first that the Senator had fever but he is much better to-day and hopes to be able to start to Winston to-morrow. He has also been compelled to cancel his appintments at Lincolnton and Shelby.

DEAD.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Chief Justice William Adams Richardson, of the United States Court of Claims, died at 8:05 this morning of cancer of the stomach. He had been confined to his bed for two months. When the peaceful end came his daughter, Mrs. Dr. Magruder, his only child, his son-in-law and several members of the court were present. The Court of Claims adjourned in June last to meet to-day and the last official act of Mr. Richardson was to announce the adjournment.

THE THREE FRIENDS SLIPS AWAY

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 19.—The filibustering steamer Three Friends, which has been ostensibly looking for wrecks, escaped the revenue cutter Morrill, which has been following her since she left Wilmington, some where off Tybee last evening. The Morrill lost sight of her, and not seeing her anywhere this morning, came to port here for coal and supplies.

BRIEFS OF GENERAL NATURE.

It is announced by the New York Herald that President Cleveland will not vote this year. He lives in New York, but has not taken the trouble to go there to register.

S. P. Sheerin, for many years secretary of the national Democratic committee, and the Indiana member of the committee, in a statement prepared by him for the Indianapolis News, declares for Palmer and Buckner.

W. T. Ramsbush, banker and real estate man of Juneau, Wis., has been missing over ten days and investigation discloses the fact that he has been a systematic embezzler for twenty years and that his stealings have amounted to $2,000,000 to $3,000,000.

THE GENERALS AT CANTON.

The Union Soldier Speakers in McKinley's Own Town—The Major Meets Them.

Canton, Ohio, Oct. 19.—The booming of cannon at 7 o'clock this morning announced the opening of the meeting at the Tabernacle of the Union generals, under the leadership of General R. A. Alger. In spite of the early hour for which the meeting was called the hall was filled with an enthusiastic audience. The members of the party were headed by R. A. Cassidy, of this city. Short speeches were made by Generals Howard, Alger, Martin, Stewart and Sickles and Corporal Tanner. As each speaker concluded his remarks he was presented with a basket of choice flowers by members of the Women's Relief Corps of Canton.

After the meeting the visitors were escorted to the station by a large number of citizens. Major McKinley drove down to the station from his residence to see the generals. The train left at 9 o'clock for Justus. The party is scheduled to appear at New Philadelphia, Uhrichsville, Dennison, Mingo Junction, Stubenville, East Liverpool, Youngstown and Warren during the day, and will speak at Cleveland in the evening.

A FLAG DAY SUGGESTED.

Mark Hanna Becomes Patriotic and Wants the Flag Displayed On October 31st.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Chairman Hanna, of the Republican national committee, has suggested a flag day in the campaign. He promulgates the following to-day:

"The American flag has been the political campaign emblem, or insignia of national honor. Its influences have been great in the cause of good people. Its display in many places has been potent in the advancement of the country's battle for the maintenence of its honor at home and abroad. I therefore, suggest that on Saturday, October 31st, all who intend to vote on November 3rd, for the preservation of our national honor, for sound money and the advancement of our peoples' interests, and general prosperity, display the national colors at their homes, their places of business and wherever they may be seen, in order that their purpose and those who are undetermined may the more patriotically and intelligently conclude how best to perform their duty as citizens." M. A. HANNA.

WHERE IS WATSON'S LETTER?

Chairman Butler Informs the Populist Vice Presidential Candidate That It Has Miscarried.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Senator Butler has written a letter to Thomas E. Watson, of Thompson, Ga., informing him that all statements to the contrary notwithstanding, his letter of acceptance has not yet been received by the chairman of the People's party committee. The text of the letter is as follows:

Headquarters People's Party National Executive Committee,
Washington, Oct. 19, 1896.

Hon. Thomas E. Watson, Thompson, Ga.:

Dear Sir:—Senator Butler notices that you are reported in an interview as stating that you mailed your letter of acceptance to him at Washington on last Wednesday, October 14th. He requests me to inform you of the fact that no such letter has been received by him.

Yours truly,
FRANCIS H. HOOVER,
Private Secretary.

SHOOTING IN ALEXANDER.

Doughton and Linney in Debate—The Party in Fair Shape, Notwithstanding Correspondence of the Observer.

Taylorsville, Oct. 17.—Lieutenant Governor Rufus A. Doughton and Hon. F. Z. Linney addressed the people of Alexander here to-day. A good crowd was out to hear the speaking. Each speaker did well from his own standpoint, and the following of each claim the victory. They are both able men.

News reaches here to-day that a man by the name of Brookshire shot his wife and her paramour yesterday evening in the upper part of the county. Brookshire immediately departed for parts unknown.

The Democratic party is in pretty good shape in this county, notwithstanding the humiliation brought on the party by the action of that crazy committee down at Raleigh. It is to be hoped that in the future no committee will be appointed to dicker away the honor of the party. Defeat is preferable to disgrace.

LITTLE JOHN ALLEN'S CAST-OFF SKIN.

Florida Citizen.

The case of John Allen, an eight-year-old boy of this place, is puzzling the physicians. Six weeks ago an orange thorn penetrated the boy's hip. Inflammation followed and the boy was soon horribly swollen from head to foot. Finally the swelling subsided, but the boy immediately began to shed his skin. That on the face came off separately but from the neck down the cuticle remained intact and moved off by way of the hands and feet without breaking. The cuticle was five days in passing off and during that time the boy remained in bed, writhing like a snake at moulting time. The child seemed to be in no pain, but complained of a tickling sensation and of a crawling of the flesh.

When the cuticle had been shed the boy immediately recovered and is now as well as ever. The skin which was shed is on exhibition at a physician's office. It is a perfect cast of the human form from the neck down, and is about the consistency of hard glue, which it much resembles.

PATENT OFFICE PROFITS

Washington Star.

"So far there have been nearly 200 patents issued for horseshoes," observed a blacksmith. "Every one of them was supposed to have merit. A large number of them were supposed to be of value because they could be put on the horses' feet by the aid of hands or by clasps, and thus save time and the expense of horseshoers. Six thousand dollars, therefore, have been paid into the Patent Office by inventors of horseshoes.

"Not one of these inventions was ever used, and to-day, as during the past horses are shod. The only shoe that can be put on a horse must be nailed on by a blacksmith. There is no royal way to wealth, and there is no way to shoe a horse except to nail on the shoe. This $6,000 is but a small part of the money paid out in connection with patented horseshoes."

HERBERT WORKING FOR SOUND MONEY IN ALABAMA.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Secretary Herbert is going to Alabama to make at least three sound money speeches in the congressional district he formerly represented. He will favor the election to Congress of Thomas H. Clark, chairman of the State sound money committee, who has the Republican endorsement.

The Secretary expects to leave Washington Tuesday, October 27, and will speak Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Evergreen, Troy and Montgomery, and possibly at Greenville. After these speeches the Secretary will remain at Montgomery to vote for the sound money ticket, returning to Washington directly after the election.

RUFF CONSENTED TO PULL OFF.

Special to the Observer.

Winston, Oct. 19.—Chairman Holton met Ruff Henderson here Saturday night and secured his permission to pull him off the Republican ticket for State Auditor, in favor of Hal Ayer, the Populist candidate for the same office.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions and positively cures piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents a box. For sale by Burwell & Dunn.

MR. W. M. ALEXANDER WRITES.

He Makes a Statement in Regard to the Litigation in Which Mr. N. Gibbon Was Defendant.

To the Editor of the Observer:

In your issue of the 13th inst., I notice a letter from Mr. N. Gibbon in reference to the case of Alexander against Gibbon. In that letter he states that the Observer's report of the case "is calculated to make a false impression upon the minds of your readers and presents me in such a light that I respectfully request you to print a statement for me on the same subject." As I was the plaintiff in that case, I would respectfully ask to print a statement also for myself. Being a brother-in-law of Mr. Gibbon's I feel that the controversy was an unfortuate one, and every effort was made to avoid the litigation. My father, J. M. Alexander, living near the old home-place in Mallard Creek township, had control of the piece of land that was in litigation for more than forty years. It was a gold mine tract of thirty acres, and at one time an offer was made of $3,000 for the tract. Mr. Gibbon, in a sworn statement, stated that the land was worth about $20 an acre, which would be $600; he also swore to another statement that he knew of no heirs of Amos Alexander, the father of J. W. Alexander, except the heirs of J. M. Alexander. That being the case, from his own statement, myself, his wife and the other members of the family were each entitled to one-seventh interest in the land. Mr. Gibbon, in whom the family had much trust and confidence, was appointed administrator of the estate of my father, J. M. Alexander. At the time he was appointed administrator of my father, he was placed, by the heirs, in possession of the thirty-acre mine tract to rent it out and pay the taxes. The folowing issues were submitted to the jury:

First, Did the defentant, N. Gibbon, enter into the possession of the land in controversy by the consent of the heirs at law of J. M. Alexander, and under an agreement to pay the taxes thereon?

Answer: Yes.

Second, Are said heirs-at-law entitled to be let into the possession thereof?

Answer: Yes.

Twelve jurors of the county very promptly decided that Mr. Gibbon was the agent of the heirs to pay the taxes on the land. The heirs expected Mr. Gibbon to rent the land and to pay the taxes thereon, according to his agreement, but instead of doing this the land was sold at public auction, and no notice of the sale was given to the heirs of his intention to buy, and he bought the land, which was worth about $600, for farming purposes and for mining purposes, several thousand dollars, at tax sale for $5.40. As soon as I saw my brother-in-law had betrayed the trust and confidence that my brothers and sisters had put in him, I brought an action for partition of the land, claiming that the ther heirs of my father, and myself, were each entitled to a portion of the land, except two who hab been fully advanced, who I afterwards agreed should come in and get one-seventh interest, like myself, out of the land. When this action was brought for a division, Mr. N. Gibbon claimed that he owned the whole land and it was in his own right and he was sole owner of the land, having purchased same at a tax sale for $5.40. His wife, my sister, who was entitled to her portion of the land, made no answer to my complaint for a division, and thus admitted that she was entitled to a portion of the land. The case was decided against Mr. Gibbon, and he is compelled to give up the land, which he admitted is worth $600, and which he tried to take from his family connection by paying $5.40. I write this card in justice to the Observer reporter, who I think had a just and accurate account of the case. The case shows that Mr. Gibbon had betrayed the trust and confidence put in him, and not only that but has wronged those of his household.

Respectfully,
W. M. ALEXANDER.

THE DEMOCRATIC STATE RECORD EXCELLENT.

Wilmington Messenger.

North Carolina prospered after 1876 most wonderfully when we remember or understand how all through the last score of years there has been a steady shrinkage of values in the United States, and an unbroken, certain decline in prosperity in most States and sections in business activity, in industrial enrichment. The Democrats got full control in 1876, and then began a new era of enterprise and growth in population and development of industries. When a Radical demagogue denounces and misrepresents the Democratic supremacy in North Carolina he loses sight of God, conscience and truth, and talks only for temporary success of his party. He knows that low taxes, light burdens, equal laws, the uprearing of benevolent institutions, self-taxation of whites for the aid of Russell's "savages" have marked, have distinguished the entire control of public affairs in this State. He knows that, or he is a blustering ignoramus and should go to school.

Not enough attention has been given to North Carolina by the Democrats in this campaign. Russell's main card he is playing is a rediculous and scurrilous denunciation of Democratic management. When the Democrats did get control they found some $30,000,000 of public debt created in a year by his villainous band of scoundrels and plunderers, they stealing or misapplying the greater part of the money for which the bonds issued fetched in the markets. It is the old game of the pot calling the kettle black when Radicals calumniate Democrats. It is the old false cry of "thief" by the fellows who are practicing the devilry.

The taxes of North Carolina, under the Democrats, have been lower than those of any State in the American Union.

Two years ago, or less, the Rads. and Pops. got together in the Fred Douglass Legislature and what a fine set of ignorant tricksters and incompetents they were. They blundered in every direction, increased expenditures, were reckless and false to the State, and Russell was chief counsellor, and general adviser, and was paid well for his little stock of wisdom and knowledge of practical law making.

McLEAN; NOT McNEILL—THE ROCKINGHAM DEBATE.

To the Editor of the Observer:

Your correspondent who reported the joint discusion at Rockingham on the night of the 15th inst between Sam Bradshaw and Hector McLean, of this place, calls Mr. McLean McNeill. Please make the correction. Mr. McLean is an intelligent farmer of this section, and I am reliably informed that he completely routed and confused Bradshaw, and think he should have due credit for it. Hence this letter.

Yours cordially,
"SUBSCRIBER."

AN OHIO BANK FAILS.

Toledo, O., Oct. 19.— A Bee special from Marion, Ohio, says: The Marion Deposit Bank closed its doors this morning on account of inability to meet its obligations. It is an institution supported by Mr. T. E. Wallace. It was established in 1840, and was regarded as sound. The depositors are chiefly farmers. It is though no other failures will result.

MARVELOUS RESULTS.

From a leter written by Rev. J. Gunderman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor at the Baptist church at Rives' Junction she was brought down with pneumonia succeeding la grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption, and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in its results." Trial bottles free at Burwell & Dunn's drug store. Regular size 50c. and $1.

PUBLIC SPEAKING — SOUND MONEY DEMOCRATS.

Samuel Bradshaw, Esq., will address the people at the following times and places:

Lumberton, Tuesday, Oct. 20th, at night.
Whiteville, Wednesday, Oct. 21st, at night.
Southport, Thursday, Oct. 22nd, at night.
Jacksonville, Friday, Oct. 23rd, at night.
Wilmington, Saturday, Oct. 24th, at night.
Burgaw, Monday, Oct. 26th, at night.
Warsaw, Tuesday, Oct. 27th, at night.
Clinton, Wednesday, Oct. 28th, at night.
Elizabethtown, Thursday, Oct. 29th, at night.
Fayetteville, Friday, Oct. 30th, at night.
Raleigh, Saturday, Oct. 31st, at night.
Randleman, Monday, Nov. 2nd, at night.

Mr. Bradshaw is a strong, convincing speaker, honest and fearless. He carries his audience. Let the people, regardless of party, hear him.

Lindsay Patterson, elector at large on the Palmer and Buckner Democratic ticket, will address the people at the following times and places:

Marion, Monday, Oct. 19.
Asheville, at night, Tuesday, Oct. 20.
Waynesville, Wednesday, Oct. 21.
Lenoir, Friday, Oct. 23.
Boone, Saturday, Oct. 24.
Jefferson, Monday, Oct. 26.
Sparta, Tuesday, Oct. 27.
Wilkesboro, Wednesday, Oct 28.
Elkin, Thursday, Oct. 29.
Dobson, Friday, Oct. 30.
Mt. Airy, at night, Friday, Oct. 30.
Rural Hall, Saturday, Oct. 31.

J. J. OSBORNE'S APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. J. J. Osborne, elector of the National Democratic party, in the ninth district, will speak as follows:

Asheville, Tuesday, Oct. 20th., at night.
Waynesville, Wednesday, Oct. 21st.
Marshal, Friday, Oct. 23th.
Columbus, Saturday, Oct. 24th.
Rutherfordton, Monday, Oct. 26th.
Marion, Tuesday, October, 27th.
Brevard, Thursday, October, 29th.
Hendersonville, Friday, Oct. 30th.

MR. CLARKE'S APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. W. W. Clarke, of Newbern, who the News and Observer referred to in Raleigh, "as one of the finest public speakers in the State," will speak at the following places:

Statesville, Tuesday, Oct. 20th.
Charlotte, Wednesday, Oct. 21st.
Rockingham, Thursday, Oct. 22nd.

Mr. Lawrence Wakefield, of Lenoir, Caldwell county, elector for the eighth congressional district, will speak at the following times and places:

Gastonia, Tuesday, October 20.
Shelby, Wednesday, October 21.
Cherryville, at night, Wednesday, October 21.
McAdensville, at night, Thursday, October 22.
Mount Holly, at night, Friday, October 23.

Additional announcements will be made for the counties of Iredell, Alexander, Wilkes and Caldwell.

Mr. Lindley Vinton will speak at the following places:

Chapel Hill, Tuesday, October 20.
Raleigh, Wednesday, October 21.
Selma, Thursday, October 22.
Fayetteville, Friday, October 23.
Wilmington, Saturday, October 24.
Goldsboro, Monday, October 26.
Wilson, Tuesday, October 27.
Rocky Mount, Wednesday, October 28.
Tarboro, Thursday, October 29.
Weldon, Friday, October 30.

WM. E. ASHLEY,
Chairman National Democratic Executive.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Brown, of Haywood county, have just lost three children from diphtheria, and the fourth and last is lingering from the same disease.

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