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LOCAL NEWS.

From the Daily Patriot of Friday. SUPERIOR COURT.—Guilford Superior Court convenes in this city one week from next Monday, August 26th, Judge Shipp presiding. NEW R. R.—Surveys are to be made soon for the High Point, Randleman, Asheboro & Southern Railroad, and contracts are reported to be awarded shortly. VERY DRY.—It is learned here to-day that in parts of Chatham county there has not been a good rain since June 1st. The crops present a gloomy outlook for the tillers of the soil. DELEGATE TO FARMERS CONGRESS.—Commissioner Robinson of the State Agricultural Department has appointed J. Van Lindley, of Guilford, a delegate to the Farmers Congress of the United States to be held at Topeka, Kansas, November next. ATTEMPT AT LYNCHING.—An attempt was on foot to lynch the negro jailed at Graham a few days since for a criminal assault on a white woman, but the matter reached Sheriff Hamilton's ears and he removed the prisoner to Chatham county jail at Pittsboro.

A PRESENT.—The Statesville Landmark came to us to-day with the following: Mr. J. M. Vanstoy of Olin went proudly out Monday with a lovely four months old registered Jersey bull calf, which had been sent him by his brother, C. P. Vanstoy, of Greensboro. ALLIANCE OFFICERS.—The Farmers Alliance, after a three days session in Raleigh, adjourned yesterday, after electing the following officers for the ensuing year: President—S. B. Alexander, Charlotte. Vice-President—T. Ivey, Asheville. Secretary—L. L. Polk, Raleigh. Treasurer—J. D. Allen, Falls. Lecturer—Dr. D. Reid Parker, Randolph. Assistant Lecturer—D. D. McIntyre, Lenoir. Chaplain—Rev. Carr Moore. Doorkeeper—W. H. Tomlinson, Fayetteville. Sergeant-at-Arms—J. S. Holt, Chalk Level. Assistant Doorkeeper—D. H. Semple.

RUNNING ON FULL TIME.—The Sergeant Manufacturing Co., of this city, is running on full time, having received within the past few days orders for six of their Turbine water wheels to be shipped to Georgia and Alabama. STATE FRUIT FAIR.—The State Fruit Fair, which ended yesterday, was an entire success, and its results greatly gratify the North Carolina Horticultural Association. It has strengthened the association. There is one matter which the officers of the association desire impressed upon the people of the State, and that is that every farmer should set out fruit trees. Such a course, they say, would greatly increase and add to home comforts. There is a ready market for all good fruit. The association will urge the people in an address to plant such trees and to give care to fruit trees of once fine orchards in the State have been worthless for years on account of inattention. Guilford was well represented and bore off many fine premiums. Mr. J. Van Lindley received the first premium for the largest and best collection of peaches. Mr. John A. Young first premium on largest and best selection of apples. Best six specimens of horse apples, first premium awarded J. E. Field, of this place. Mrs. D. E. Albright received the first premium on several lines of canned goods. Also Mrs. J. F. Fields.

PLEASE OBSERVE.—The following letter from Judge Schenck speaks for and commends itself to the committee in charge DAILY PATRIOT: Gents—I have just received a letter from Bakewell & Mullins, dated August 13th, saying: "We hope to be able to complete the Confederate statue next week. We have it well under way and it is indeed a magnificent piece of work." It will therefore probably be here by the 1st of September. Mr. Knight is preparing the pedestal, and if he fulfills his contract the statue should be ready for unveiling on the 12th. But to do this a committee of energetic young men should be appointed to press the work. Don't let us fail to unveil it the 12th September. Very Truly, D. SCHENCK, Agent of Ladies Association, Greensboro, Aug. 16.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The North Carolina Horticultural Society held a meeting yesterday in Raleigh and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, B. P. Williamson; secretary, S. O. Wilson; treasurer, J. A. Lineback. Vice-presidents: First district, Geo. W. Sanderling; second district, Enoch Wadsworth; third district, Col. W. J. Greene; fourth district, Geo. K. Foust; fifth district, J. W. Noble; sixth district, J. W. Craft; eighth district, Dr. R. D. Beall; ninth district, R. M. Furman. Executive committee: E. W. Lineback, J. Van Lindley, A. B. Williams, B. P. Williamson, V. C. Royster. Committee on Native Fruits: P. W. Johnson, J. F. Raggsdale, Wm. Murdock, Col. J. M. Heck, C. B. Edwards. Committee on Foreign Fruits: J. W. Cole, J. W. Perry.

WOMAN'S WORK.—A woman's work is never done; the weary, careworn wife and mother toils on till death brings rest. You read nothing in the papers about giving vacations to wives. Why not encourage them to turn away from home cares and take a vacation? come so rare among us as to be noteworthy, it is consoling to believe that they are sometimes contagious. "So shines a good deed in a naughty world." As courage is preeminently the virtue of men, so it is the virtue which most powerfully challenges the respect and emulation of men. We thank the President for having taught a most pertinent object lesson, and from a platform lofty enough to be seen of all the people. We would be glad to hope, that some of the waiters on popular providence whom we humorously call statesmen would profit by it. As one of the evil phenomena which are said to mark the advance of Democracy in the decay of civic courage, we should be grateful to the President for giving us reason to think that this is rather one of its accidents than of its properties. Whatever be the effect of Mr. Cleveland's action on his personal fortunes, let us rejoice to think that it will be a stimulating thorn in that august chair for all that may sit in it after him. Would that all our Presidents might see and lay to heart that vision which Dion saw, that silent shape of woman, sweeping and over sweeping without pause. Our politics call loudly for a broom. There are rubbish heaps of cant in every corner of them that should be swept out for the dustman. Time, to cart away and dump beyond sight or smell of mortal men. Mr. Cleveland, I think, has found the broom and begun to play it.

DISPLAY THE STORM SIGNALS. In our mind there is no danger now more threatening than the constant drift of opinion towards conferring powers on the general government. Do the masses demand national prohibition? Whether the majority or the minority ask it, we are instantly told that we must amend the Federal Constitution that practically annihilates the powers of the States, and would cause the Federal Courts as now constituted to sit almost perpetually and the hand of the Federal Government to be in almost every man's house and in every neighborhood. The people seem to have run wild, to use a common expression, and to have forgotten that there is any power whatever in the States, or that the State governments are fit for any other purposes. The idea seems to be rampant and becoming quite common to turn to the Federal Government for any redress of grievances or for any practical and progressive legislation. There are now at least a half dozen amendments to the Constitution of the United States seriously agitated.

There can be but one ending to all this—but one culmination to this popular rage for extending federal power, and that is a consolidation of all the essential powers of government in the hands of Federal authority—a policy that not only belittles the State governments, but virtually emasculates them. The only safety for the perpetuity of our free institutions is to guard constantly and vigilantly against any encroachment of federal power—to keep a strict watch upon any usurpation on the part of the general government—for there can be but one result when practical consolidation has taken place, and that result will be our free institutions will perish. This government cannot remain free once the legitimate functions of government are transferred from the State to the general government.

The PATRIOT, during its existence of more than half a century, has heralded to the world the birth of many new parties and isms, and has recorded equally as many deaths of such "new born babes." It is simply standing upon the old doctrine of a strict construction of the Constitution—ample scope and vigor for the powers really granted or necessarily implied, but no enlargement, no addition of new powers in any way. As many of us know, when the State governments are absorbed—when shorn of their legitimate strength, and the Federal government is armed with these newly acquired powers, the end will be very distant—we can jump to it very easily; for there is but one easy leap from free government to a despotism, and that is just what, in plain English, it will be, when the powers of the States are absorbed by the general government. Therefore we say, let the "sentinels upon the watch-tower" display the storm signals from East to West from North to South.

THE COUNTY CONVENTION. In an experience of twenty three years it has been the fortune of the writer to attend no political convention so thoroughly admirable in every respect as that which brought together the Democracy of Guilford county last Saturday. In numbers it would have formed an adequate representation for a Congressional or Judicial district; in character and intelligence the views, the interests, the opinions of the property owners, the tax payers, the business, the trades, the professions—in a word, the best citizenship—of the town and county were embodied; in the earnestness, the dignity and the zeal which characterized every step of its proceedings it was a very remarkable assemblage; composed of factions (in the best sense of that word) who espoused the claims of their favorites with loyal friendship and unshaken fidelity, the consummation of the nominations found them welded together in one harmonious, united whole, with shields locked and shoulders interlaced, for the coming battle in behalf of the clearly expressed choice of an overwhelming majority. Best of all—most significant of all—from the moment at which Mr. Fabis called the convention to order until the hour in the afternoon when it adjourned upon the completion of its work, there attached to no resolution, no utterance from any delegate, no nomination for any position, the suspicion of ring management or machine manipulation. This was a mass meeting in the aggregate of eighteen townships of one of the largest counties in the State, and the accomplishment of its work was the result of the combined judgment and will of every Democrat there assembled.

Will the county ticket succeed at the polls in November next? Doubtless there were some who returned to their homes last Saturday, unable for a time to keep down a feeling of disappointment over the failure of their own hopes or the aspirations of their friends; but we will not do them the injustice to believe that these natural feelings have found permanent lodgment in their minds, or will prove an obstacle to victory. But the action of the nominating convention must be emphasized by the work of the campaign; our labors have but just commenced, and the enthusiasm of that great meeting the other day must bear its fruit in compelling the full vote of the party at the polls.

With nominees who have been honored with the confidence of their fellow citizens—the maturely and deliberately made choice of a large majority of those who represent the morality, the integrity and the intelligence of the county—it is our duty now to justify our selection by leaving no effort unmade which shall place them in the position for which we have declared them worthy. Our whole strength is needed in the political struggle before us—our whole strength will wrest the county of Guilford from the control of Republicanism, and afford substantial aid to the State and national ticket. But let it never be forgotten, during the ten weeks in which we address our selves to the great and patriotic duty before us, that indifference and negligence will accomplish our ruin, and that in absolute fidelity to the work of the convention lie our hopes of safety.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL ON PRESIDENT CLEVELAND. "Personally," says Mr. Lowell, "I confess that I feel myself strongly attracted to Mr. Cleveland as the best representative of the higher type of Americanism that we have seen since Lincoln was snatched from us. I think we have all recognized in him a manly simplicity of character and an honest endeavor to do all that he could of duty, where all that he would was made impossible by difficulties to which we have fortunately never been exposed. But we are not here to thank him as the head of a party. We are here to felicitate each other that the presidential chair has a man in it, and this means that every word he says is weighted with what he is. We are here to felicitate each other that this man understands politics to mean business, not chicanery—plain speaking, not paltering with us in a double sense; that he has had the courage to tell the truth to the country without regard to personal or party consequences, and thus to remind us that a country is not worth telling the truth to if it is not worth living in, nay, deserves to have lies told it and to take the inevitable consequences in calamity. If it be lamentable that acts of official courage should have be-

come so rare among us as to be noteworthy, it is consoling to believe that they are sometimes contagious. "So shines a good deed in a naughty world." As courage is preeminently the virtue of men, so it is the virtue which most powerfully challenges the respect and emulation of men. We thank the President for having taught a most pertinent object lesson, and from a platform lofty enough to be seen of all the people. We would be glad to hope, that some of the waiters on popular providence whom we humorously call statesmen would profit by it. As one of the evil phenomena which are said to mark the advance of Democracy in the decay of civic courage, we should be grateful to the President for giving us reason to think that this is rather one of its accidents than of its properties. Whatever be the effect of Mr. Cleveland's action on his personal fortunes, let us rejoice to think that it will be a stimulating thorn in that august chair for all that may sit in it after him. Would that all our Presidents might see and lay to heart that vision which Dion saw, that silent shape of woman, sweeping and over sweeping without pause. Our politics call loudly for a broom. There are rubbish heaps of cant in every corner of them that should be swept out for the dustman. Time, to cart away and dump beyond sight or smell of mortal men. Mr. Cleveland, I think, has found the broom and begun to play it.

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