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EXTREMES MEET.

We publish this morning two remarkable communications, the one from the great big-brained, broad-minded, patriotic statesman GROVER CLEVELAND, the President of the United States and the head of the Democratic party, and he stands with his party and by his party for honest legislation along the line of avowed principles.

The other is the puny production of Marion Butler, calling on his "braves" in North Carolina to muster on the first Monday in September and march down and parade themselves before the Board of County Commissioners of the various counties of the State in opposition to the Democratic party and to such a President as Grover Cleveland.

We beg the pardon of all good people for drawing this contrast, but it is an antipodal contrast, and the extreme juxta position serves to bring out in striking relief the pigmy and the giant.

THE ARGUS urges upon its readers, and the masses generally in North Carolina, to weigh well the situation and read closely and carefully the lines of these two letters; and if they read them with honest purpose and patriotic desire to learn the truth and do the right their convictions will not be amiss.

Grover Cleveland says:—and let these words of his letter be the slogan of the coming campaign:—"I LOVE THE PRINCIPLES OF TRUE DEMOCRACY BECAUSE THEY ARE FOUNDED IN PATRIOTISM AND UPON JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS TOWARD ALL INTERESTS. I AM PROUD OF MY PARTY ORGANIZATION BECAUSE IT IS CONSERVATIVELY STURDY AND PERSISTENT IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF ITS PRINCIPLES."

Brave words these are! They come straight from the heart of the great man of sublime courage and inspired wisdom that stands at the head of his party and the nation, and they go straight to the heart of every true Democrat in the land, saying to waning hope, REVIVE, and to unflinching faith, BE STRONG! This is Democracy: Grover Cleveland is but its mouth-piece, the people—the masses are its beneficiaries. And it is against this party, which has so long battled with Republican rapacity and oppression, that Marion Butler, here in North Carolina, has allied himself with the most odious and designing Republicans in the State, and is in daily conference and collusion with them. Who will say that he does not deserve the odium that rests upon him and the oblivion that awaits him after the November election?

THE INCOME TAX.

As the Atlanta Journal says, those persons and corporations whose income exceeds \$4,000 a year will have to bear in mind how much that excess is for the federal income tax applies to this year's income and in due time the deputy internal revenue collector will be around and demand a settlement. The new tariff bill provides:—

That from and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and until the first day of January, nineteen hundred there shall be assessed, levied, collected and paid annually upon the gains, profits, and income received in the preceding calendar year by every citizen of the United States, whether residing at home or abroad, and every person residing therein, whether said gains, profits, or income be derived from any kind of property, rents, interest, dividends, or salaries, or from any profession, trade, employment or vocation, carried on in the United States or elsewhere, or from any other source whatever, a tax of two per cent on the amount so derived over and above four thousand dollars, and a like tax shall be levied, collected, and paid annually upon the gains, profits and income

from all property owned and of every business, trade or profession carried on in the United States by persons residing within the United States. And the tax herein provided for shall be assessed by the commissioner of internal revenue and collected, and paid upon the gains, profits, and income for the year ending the thirty-first day of December next preceding the time for levying, collecting and paying said tax.

As to the tax on corporations the bill provides:—

That there shall be assessed, levied and collected, except as herein otherwise provided, a tax of two per centum annually on the net profits or income above actual operating and business expenses, including expenses for materials purchased for, manufacture, or bought for resale, losses and interest on bonded and other indebtedness of all banks, banking institutions, trust companies, savings institutions, fire, marine, life, and other insurance companies, railroad, canal, turnpike, canal navigation, slack-water, telephone, telegraph, express, electric light, gas, water, street railway companies, and all other corporations, companies or associations doing business for profit in the United States, no matter how created and organized, but not including partnerships.

Some of the New York papers which have fought the income tax idea so ferociously are making a "great to do" over the fact that congress has failed to appropriate any money to carry out the provisions of the income tax law. This was undoubtedly an oversight, but we have it on the authority of Mr. Miller, the commissioner of internal revenue, that it will not be permitted to interfere with the enforcement of the law. Congress will be in session again before any money is needed for this purpose. The opponents of the income tax say that they will oppose any appropriation for this purpose and will at the next session of Congress endeavor to repeal the tax. They may do so, but such an effort is foredoomed to failure. The income tax is endorsed by an overwhelming majority of the people of this country. They believe it to be right and fair and the members of Congress will find when they come home that the enactment of the income tax is heartily approved.

Secretary Carlisle estimates the revenue from this source at \$30,000,000 for the first year.

Out in the Mountains.

A party of 19 young people from Lincoln, Gaston and Mecklenburg reached Morganton Monday morning, after spending a month travelling through the mountains by private conveyance. The party consisted of Misses Sallie Davidson, Julia Dwyer, Hattie Davidson and Messrs. Sid and Tom Alexander, Milton Dowd, John Harris, Joe Davidson and Joe Wilson, of Mecklenburg; Misses Kate Johnson, Nellie and Bessie Rankin, and Messrs. Will Shipp, Harvey and Frank Wilson, of Gaston; and Misses Florence Finch and Bettie Graham, and Messrs. Harry Finch, and W. H. Graham, Jr., of Lincoln.

The party left home on July 25th, and went in hacks, wagons and buggies via Hickory and Lenoir to Blowing Rock, and Grandfather mountain, Linville city and Linville Falls.

They had a royal time from start to finish, camping out every night, the ladies doing the cooking, while the boys made fires, brought water and looked after the teams. They had plenty of rich experience and several which they will not be apt to forget in a hurry.

Camping out in the clear, cold starlight, 6,000 feet above tide water, was in itself a novel sensation to the party. On Roan mountain one of the horses tumbled down a precipice and broke his neck. On Mt. Mitchell one of the young ladies, who was riding, was caught by a projecting balsam bough by the hair and dangled over a dizzy cliff until rescued by one of the young men. At Black Mountain station one of the boys raided a roasting-ear patch, and the whole party was arrested under a warrant which charged "Joe Davidson and party with entering a certain corn field with force and arms and taking therefrom certain corn against its will, to-wit, 13 ears." The boys compromised the case, but it cost them \$25. The people of Black Mountain village took sides with the tourists and they were returned a grand ball that evening at the Mt. Mitchell l.c.t.e.

They Will be Beheaded.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The Times to-morrow will publish a dispatch from Tsin-Tsin stating that an imperial edict has been issued in connection with the outrage perpetrated on missionaries and the murder of Rev. James Wylie, a Presbyterian missionary, who was recently killed at Liao-Yang by Chinese soldiers who were marching to Corea.

The edict condemns the Chinese officers responsible for the good conduct of the troops, and orders that the actual murderers be beheaded. It is further ordered that the chapels which have been destroyed be rebuilt at the expense of the people in the localities where the outrages were committed, and that compensation be paid relatives of Mr. Wylie.

The Tsung-Li-Yamen, or Supreme Council, and Viceroy Li Hung Chang have expressed deep regret to the British Minister because of the outrages.

State Democratic Platform.

Resolved, 1. That we reaffirm the doctrine of the party as enunciated by the Chicago convention of 1892, and desire to signify, as follows, what is the construction placed by us upon the section thereof relating to silver, namely: We hold it is the duty of the law making department of the Government, now in the hands of the Democracy, to take immediate steps to restore by legislation the equal privileges of silver with gold at the mints, of free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver at a ratio of 1 to 1, such being the ratio of coinage which heretofore has held in the United States.

2. That we urge upon said law making department of the Government the abolition of the unconstitutional and prohibitive tax of 10 per cent. upon the issue of State banks.

3. That in view of the depleted condition in which the late Republican administration left the treasury of the United States, presenting, as it did, such a lamentable contrast to the overflowing condition in which it was delivered by Mr. Cleveland's first administration to its Republican successor, we urge upon said law making department immediate enactment of the income tax.

4. That we emphatically approve the tariff doctrine enunciated by the Chicago platform.

5. That while we are opposed to the slightest qualification, in favor of the Federal Government, in the repeal of the 10 per cent. tax on State bank issues we nevertheless advocate as a matter of State policy such a regulation and restriction of issues of banks chartered by North Carolina as will secure sound currency.

6. That we admire the courage and lofty patriotism of the President, and that we most heartily commend his prompt and effective action under the law for the suppression of the efforts of alien Anarchists to disturb by force and violence the true relations of labor and capital; his sturdy efforts to secure enactment of tariff reform, as called for in the party platform; his prompt approval of the bill repealing the Federal Election law; the notable reduction of the expenses of the Government under his administration, and the freedom from scandal which has been such a marked feature of his return to the head of affairs.

7. That we favor the abolition as soon as practicable of the internal revenue taxes, on spirits and tobacco and if this can not be done that the harsh and unjust features of the law for its collection, be modified.

In State matters we point with pride to the record of the Democratic party in North Carolina and endorse the present State administration. For eighteen years this party has had full control of the State Government. It has administered it with the greatest economy and at all times with an eye single to the best interests of all the people. Coming in power at the end of a reign of debauchery and crime, it addressed itself to the work of rehabilitation and its record is one which challenges public admiration. It has rebuilt our public school system, established asylums for the care of our unfortunate, administered justice, promoted our public works, fostered every public enterprise, reduced taxation and has in all respects justified the confidence of those who have trusted it. It has offered security to life and property, protected both capital and labor in their rights that government can do for the people. No scandal has attached to its administration of public affairs. We congratulate them upon the friendly relations existing between the races, upon the prospects of bounteous crops. With this record before them we appeal to them for a vote of confidence this year in the Democratic party.

WHEREAS, Since the Democratic party of North Carolina, last assembled in convention, death has claimed Hon. Zebulon B. Vance, the State's most illustrious citizen, it is by this convention

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