



SUPREME COURT JUDGES. Work of the Democratic Judicial Convention.

(Special to the Richmond Dispatch.) RALEIGH, N. C., August 25.—Last night there were caucuses of delegates to the State Convention. These did not break up until midnight. The friends of the old court arranged plans for pushing Smith for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, feeling sure that if they won Justice Merrimon and Ashe would be renominated also. The opponents of the old court arranged to nominate Merrimon for Chief Justice with a view of exalting him and of thus getting new men in place of Smith and Ashe. It was almost impossible at midnight to find how matters stood. It was well understood that the test vote would be the nomination for Chief Justice. Both sides worked hard. Men from the West agreed not to push Carter for Associate Justice until they got Merrimon. By noon to-day, when the State Democratic Judicial Convention met at Metropolitan Hall, there were about 300 delegates present, out of a total of 900. All parts of the State were represented. Richard H. Battle, of Raleigh, called the body to order. He is chairman of the State Executive Committee, and that is one of his duties. He called to the chair as temporary chairman S. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg. Alexander made a very neat speech, which was well received. Committees on Credentials, Permanent Organization, and Platform were appointed, one from each of the nine districts—and withdrew.

SPEECHES. During their absence, which was prolonged in the case of the Committee on Credentials, there were speeches by R. T. Bennett and Thomas G. Skinner, A. M. Wadell, of Wilmington; Octavius Coke, of Raleigh; Duncan K. McRae, of Wilmington; Charles W. McClammy, nominee for Congress in the Third district; W. H. Kitchin, and Governor Seales. The latter received a regular ovation upon being escorted to the platform. He made a capital speech, full of pride in the Convention and in North Carolina's prosperity. He spoke in the highest terms of the State and its people, of what the State owed to the Democratic party for its long years of faithful work in its political and social regeneration. He declared that by two of its acts alone, if for no other, the Democratic party had for all time endeared itself in the hearts of all true North Carolinians. These two were the county government system and steps to rid the State of the incubus of the reconstruction measures. He said that the county government system, which must and should be preserved, gave the control of the State to the white people for all time. This was greeted with tumultuous applause. Governor Seales is a warm and earnest advocate of the present system of county government by which magistrates are appointed by the Legislature.

CREDENTIALS. After an absence of over an hour the Committee on Credentials reported. It had had rather a lively session. Its chairman, Hon. J. J. Davis, said it found that Alexander, Clay, Harnett, Haywood, Macon, Madison, and Zane were represented by proxies, and that the following were not: Caldwell, David, Davidson, Lincoln, Polk, Rutherford, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin were unrepresented. Mr. Davis said that as to the admission of proxies there were two reports. Six of the committee thought they should be admitted, while three thought they should not be admitted. Right here a lively scene began. Upon the question of admission of these proxies much depended. They were with one exception from beyond the Blue Ridge, and all for Merrimon, it is thought. So it was a test of the comparative strength of the Smith and Merrimon factions of the Convention. The fight was prolonged; speech after speech was permitted, but was urged by the Merrimon men that in some cases this rule should be departed from. The Convention after awhile became noisy and tired of so much speaking, and shouted down all would-be speakers. Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee, moved that the minority report declining to admit proxies be adopted. It was carried by 404 to 391. There was much cheering as this result was announced.

ORGANIZATION. E. S. Parker, of Alamance, chairman of the Committee on Permanent Organization, made the following report: For Chairman, J. C. Buxton, of Forsythe; Vice-President—First district, J. J. Laughinghouse, of Pitt; Second, F. A. Woodard, of Wilson; Third, W. R. Allen, of Wayne; Fourth, C. M. Cook, of Franklin; Fifth, A. H. A. Williams, of Granville; Sixth, J. T. Legrand, of Graham; Seventh, G. S. Bradshaw, of Randolph; Eighth, G. T. Basson, of Gaston; Ninth, T. P. Davidson, of Buncombe; Secretary, Josephus Daniels; Assistant Secretaries, members of the Democratic press present. This report was adopted by acclamation, and Permanent Chairman Buxton was heartily cheered as he took his position. He made an admirable speech, brief and pointed. He said his selection for such an honored position was a compliment to the young Democrats of North Carolina and to the gallant and glorious Forsythe county. He paid the Democratic party glowing compliments. He said that the Republican party, so long a foe, no longer stands in the way, and the success of the ticket nominated was an assured fact.

RATIFIED. Before proceeding to the nomination of justices of the Supreme Court the Convention, on motion of Henry A. London, of Pittsboro, by acclamation ratified the nominations of Superior Court judges as made in the various districts. The serious work of the Convention then began. Col. T. C. Fuller, of Raleigh, in an eloquent speech, placed in nomination for Chief Justice William M. Smith, the present incumbent. C. M. McLeod, of Asheville, placed in nomination for Chief Justice Augustus S. Merrimon. After speeches seconding Smith had been made by R. W. Winborne, of Hertford, and M. L. Hill, and after John H. Small, of Beaufort, had seconded the nomination of Merrimon, the vote was taken and half-suppressed excitement. It was soon seen that Smith was leading. The result, as officially announced, was: Smith, 407; Merrimon, 387. A wild scene and cheering for many minutes followed this announcement. Smith's nomination was made unanimous. A motion was promptly made to nominate A. S. Merrimon and Thomas S. Ashe as associate justices. Finally it was decided that this was irregular, so nominations began. Ashe and Merrimon were regularly placed in nomination. No other names were placed before the Convention. The friends of W. D. Pruden, of Chowan, and of George V. Strong, of Wake, did not present their names, but, amid cheers, moved to make the nominations of Ashe and Merrimon by acclamation. Finally this was done amid great applause. The Convention had been in session just four hours without a recess. The Committee on Platform reported through T. W. Womac, its chairman, and the platform was read. It was not adopted, it being thought unnecessary for a judicial convention to adopt a platform.

NOT VIGOROUS ENOUGH. Ex-Congressman W. H. Kitchin, of Halifax, got upon the stage, and, saying that the platform read was not vigorous enough, read a very long one, and then spoke in advocacy of it as a substitute for the other. It was not adopted—in fact, no notice of it was taken. Resolutions—that is the sense of the Convention that the present aid given wounded ex-Confederate soldiers and soldiers' widows is inadequate and should be increased—were read, but shared the fate of the platform, and nothing was done with them. At 4:30 P. M., the Convention adjourned. The result appears, after all done by the opponents of the old court, to give general pleasure. The Convention was a fine body, and in the main its members left the city on the trains this afternoon and evening. The Convention to-day re-elected the State Executive Committee. This high complement is certainly deserved by Chairman Battle and the members of the committee who have done so much excellent work. A great number of persons called this afternoon on the Chief Justice and his associates to tender their congratulations. The venerable Paul C. Cameron, eighty years of age, cast the vote of Orange in the Convention as chairman of its delegation.

NEWS NOTES. P. M. Hale, who is under medical treatment, is here for a few days attending to some pressing business. His paper—The Register—will not be issued any more this year. The Democratic party will miss the services of a man of such mark as Caldwell, an editor. He is also public printer. Ex-Lieutenant-Governor James L. Robinson, of Macon county, was in the Convention to-day. He leaves to-morrow morning for his post of duty in the Northwest. Congressman Thos D. Johnston, of Buncombe, has been quite sick for some days.

PROPOSED EXTRADITION TREATY.

WASHINGTON, August 26.—A well kept diplomatic and executive secret, to which it is given by the post, a request being made by the United States for the surrender by Mexico of Mondragan, for trial in this country, is the fact that a special extradition treaty between the United States and Mexico is now awaiting final action by the Mexican Congress, having been accepted with amendments by the United States Senate in June of this year. The treaty provides that the surrender to either country by the authorities of the other shall be discretionary with the Executive, whenever a notorious crime has been committed. This treaty, although approved by both nations, still lacks the final Mexican sanction to render it operative. The only significance of the treaty is the indication of a disposition on the part of the United States to maintain such relations with Mexico. Mexico already has this authority to surrender a notorious criminal, but the United States has no such power without this treaty, when Mexico has voluntarily surrendered such prisoners. The United States has only accepted the action with an understanding that no obligation to reciprocate was involved.

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DEATH OF COL. H. B. SHORT A Well Known and Influential Citizen at Rest.

(Wilmington Review.) After a sickness of several weeks, Colonel Henry Bishop Short, of Lake Waccamaw, Columbus county, died at the Orton House, at about 9:30 o'clock last night, and in his death North Carolina, and especially this section of the State, loses one of its prominent, public spirited, influential and best citizens. He was a native of North Carolina and was in the 62d year of his age. His death was the result of a general exhaustion of the system, rather than from any specific disease. He had been in rather feeble health for several months, and about six weeks ago he returned from New York, where he had been in business, and feeling quite unwell, he went to Smithville, but after remaining there a few days, during which time he continually grew worse, he returned to the Orton House in this city, where he was compelled to take to his bed, and where he continued to grow worse until death came to his relief. His family were with him throughout his sickness, and were constant and unremitting in their tender attention to his every want, and did all that love and solicitude could suggest to soften the pangs of his dying pillow. Col. Short was a native of the Eastern portion of the State, and, choosing the profession of law, after completing his studies, he was admitted to practice at the Plymouth, Washington county, bar. He married a daughter of Mr. Willis Bagley, formerly State Senator of Martin county. Soon after the cessation of hostilities between the States, Col. Short retired from the practice of law and removed to Columbus county, where he engaged in the manufacture of lumber, and his associates, and was prominent in that company and settled at Lake Waccamaw, where he built a spacious residence on the lawn between the railroad station and the beautiful sheet of water from which the town derives its name, and in full view of both. He purchased large tracts of the fine timber lands with which that part of the county abounds, and gave employment to a great number of hands, in the manufacture of lumber. Although never a robust man his energy of character and keen business sagacity enabled him to conduct successfully an immense and continually increasing industry, while at the same time his hospitable mansion was open to welcome guests from all portions of the country.

Col. Short had for a number of years been one of the Board of Directors of the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, a position which he occupied at the time of his death. He was State Senator for Columbus and Robeson counties in 1876, has been Representative to the General Assembly from Columbus county, and has been prominently named for Lieutenant Governor of the State. In all the business affairs of life Col. Short was a man of strict integrity, far-seeing as to determine results, energetic in the conduct of the large industries in which he was engaged. In social life he was a courteous, affable and agreeable gentleman. Genial, enterprising and constructive in his conversation, with a generous share of good humor in his composition, his society was a pleasure. He was generous and public spirited, and gave liberally yet judiciously, of the riches of which God had made him steward. He was kind-hearted and truly considerate of others, and as a man, a father, friend and neighbor was one of Nature's noblemen, and one who will be sadly missed, especially by the people of Lake Waccamaw, by whom he was looked upon as a faithful friend and wise counselor. His remains will be taken to his late residence at Lake Waccamaw on to-night's train, and the funeral will take place to-morrow.

LOS ANGELES.

California Climate—Semi-Tropical Products, &c. Los Angeles Herald. It is interesting to look into the causes from which these effects grow. They all come from the ground beneath her feet, and the sky that smiles above her. The order should really be reversed. The climate is indeed the main factor. Illinois, Missouri, or the blue-grass region of Kentucky may boast as rich a soil. No country can truthfully claim a richer. Some of the land around the old beaver dams in the Wallamet valley are as rich as any soil in the world, but the best of them are only the peers of the cieneguas of southern California. But of what avail is soil twenty feet deep and as brown as chocolate if it is soaked half the year in floods and bound the other half in the fatal fetters of ice and snow? It is the skies that bene above us that make the orange flourish, the lemon bear, the lime fruit, the grapes hang heavy on the vine and turn purple in the glow of the summer sun. It is the climate that gives Angeles green peas and ripe tomatoes the year around; new potatoes at Christmas and ripe strawberries on New Year's day. Again, it is the sunny skies of this glorious southern land that enables the farmer to work in comfort 350 days in the year at his outdoor employments, and that in his shirt sleeves, thus making one man worth at least two anywhere else. It is the same grand element of prosperity that makes it possible for dairymen and stock-raisers to feed their animals all the year around on alfalfa knee high, to dispense with expensive barns, and the labor, trouble and cost of feeding his stock by hand for six or nine months of the twelve. These are economic developments, the outgrowth of this climate, whose importance is hard to overestimate.

THE SEMI-TROPIC PRODUCTS. Taking Los Angeles valley from the

Santa Monica Canon to San Juan Capistrano along the seacoast and reaching back to San Geronimo Pass, and one has a region of about fifty miles along the coast by seventy-five inland at the most point, the most prolific and the most diversified of any region of similar size on the globe. There are no vegetables, the leguminous articles of human diet, that do not flourish there the year round. People in this favored region can alternate at their dinner 365 days in the year—potatoes, cabbage, tomatoes, cauliflower, peas, beans, egg plant, celery, lettuce, turnips, parsnips, carrots, okra, radish, etc., without number. This same region embraces a large area of the finest dairy land ever grazed. Cattle do better and give more milk than anywhere else. Men make money hand over fist at the dairy business in this belt. The natural grasses for nine or ten months out of the year are unequalled. The fields of alfalfa discount all the fodder plants of the civilized world. No country produces such squash, pumpkins, mangel-wurtzel and beets. Horses of Los Angeles by their records and victories make praise useless. Even the crack Dewdrop, in New Jersey, found it to her advantage to draw out of the often grayed pastures of California. Ben A. H. master is in San Francisco, but that horse took second place in the conflict with the Los Angeles flyer. This same region is one of marvelous richness in its mineral wealth. Here is the finest oil measures in the world. Here are coal fields of great promise. The mountains furnish not only gold and silver in abundance, but in addition to these, tin, nickel, antimony and in fact nearly every deposit valued by civilization.

THE FRUIT CROPS.

As a fruit growing region the horse-shoe outlined above has no region comparable to it. Here flourish all the berries and small fruits by their side grow the apricot, the nectarine, peach, plum, cherry, fig, walnut, pecan, olive, banana, guava-berry, grape, lime, lemon and orange. Estimating these by the acre, and farmers here sell from \$100 to \$500, and even to the value of a greater sum annually off their lands. They gather about 50,000 tons of berries, raisins, grape and other fruits, and a careful man as much if he cures the fruit himself. Deciduous fruits pay from \$100 to \$150 per acre. The citrus fruits will with proper care net twice such sums. The region outlined above last year shipped 2200 carloads of oranges—each car carried 350 boxes. The crop shipped and that consumed at home was hardly less than 1,000,000 boxes. It shows an estimate to say it netted the growers one dollar per box. At the moment the vigorous of this eclectic region are selling their table grapes for \$22.50 per ton on the vines. The yield will average at from 5 to 8 tons an acre for full bearing vines. In some cases fourteen tons have been gathered. At five tons to the acre, grape-growing is rather fascinating to the man of moderate views.

Nor do these good things grow in little corners of exceptional fertility. There are in this county 775,000 orange trees. It is said apples do not grow here. Strange then that intelligent farmers should have set out over 50,000 of these trees in the one county of Los Angeles, Esq., Rev Mr. Ferabee and F. D. Winston, Esq. The latter gentleman spoke eloquently and with much force. He was quite severe on the chairman of the judicial district convention held at Jackson and declared that no one was legally nominated for Solicitor and that Republicans were at liberty to vote for whom they pleased. He denounced mob rule in severe terms and declared that notwithstanding his devotion to the Republican party and its principles, he would vote for the meanest Democrat in the district before he would endorse or encourage the mob. His speech was roundly applauded. The committee on credentials reported and their report was adopted. The convention was then permanently organized by electing R. L. Parrott chairman and F. D. Winston secretary. Mr. Winston having left the hall, an assistant secretary was elected and nominations were declared in order. James E. O'Hara, I. B. Abbot and L. J. Moore were put in nomination. The first ballot resulted: O'Hara 22, Abbot 2 Moore 1. The nomination was made unanimous, and Mr. O'Hara being loudly called for appeared and accepted the nomination, stating that it was Democrats he intended to fight and not Republicans. Thus two candidates were nominated in the same hall, the same day, and by men claiming to be the regular delegates of their constituents. So pay your money and take your choice.

LETTERSHEET ENVELOPES

We have before us one of the new letter sheet envelopes which are issued by the Postoffice Department and are now being distributed to the post-offices through the country. The sheet is nine inches long by five and a half inches wide. After writing on the inside the sheet is folded and secured in the form of an envelope. The perforated mullaged edges make it secure. On the back is a two cent stamp in black ink with the picture of General Grant in the center. The quality of the paper is good and the sheet is large enough for all ordinary letters. They will hardly decrease the sale of postal cards, and their cost is about as great as that of the common letter and envelope with a two cent stamp. The new sheets will be convenient to persons traveling. The prices fixed for them are as follows: Single sheets, 3 cents; two sheets, 5 cents; three sheets, 7 cents; twenty-five sheets, 58 cents; fifty sheets, \$1.15; 100 sheets, \$2.30. It is thought that some improvement will be made in the present experimental form.

SUMMER GOODS.—Refrigerators, Ice Cream Freezers, (White Mountain) will be sold cheap at FURNITURE & KAZAN'S.

barley the current year than any county in the State except one, more wheat than any except three, and more of the two cereals combined than any one. Her average production of wheat is more than any of them. She is easily first in corn.

THE BLACK DISTRICT.

Two Colored Candidates Nominated at Kinston on Wednesday. (Newbern Journal.) The Republicans of the second Congressional District assembled at Fishers Hall, Kinston, yesterday, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the fiftieth Congress. It was the most successful convention that has assembled this year, for it nominated two candidates and only three ballots were taken. The committee was called to order by W. W. Watson, chairman of the executive committee. After calling the meeting to order he requested everybody in the hall to retire, delegates and all. They refused to go, and the chairman refused to proceed unless they did go; whereupon Frank Daney of Edgecombe was called to preside over the meeting and S. N. Hill of New Berne was made temporary secretary. The roll of counties was called and nine counties handed in their credentials. A committee on credentials was appointed and after they had reported, and the convention organized, nominations were declared in order. While the committee was preparing their report, speeches were made by H. F. Parrott, E. R. Dudley, W. P. Mabson, Arrington, of Halifax, Busbee, of Greene, Geo. Lloyd, of Edgecombe, and Wm. Hill, of Halifax. R. S. Taylor arose to place a candidate in nomination. At this juncture B. F. Parrott, of Lenoir, mounted a bench and begged the convention to "hear me for my cause, and be silent that you may hear." But the convention would not hear and Taylor was permitted to resume the stand and place in nomination Haywood Revis, of Warren, as the candidate of the 2nd district for the fiftieth Congress. His nomination was seconded by Hill, of Halifax. Geo. Lloyd of Edgecombe nominated W. P. Mabson. His nomination was seconded by Eston of Vance. B. B. Abbot was placed in nomination by some name the reporter failed to get. Nathan Styron of Craven nominated B. W. Morris. Seconded by Davis of Halifax. A ballot was ordered which resulted in no election, Abbot leading with ten votes. On the second ballot Abbot was nominated amidst much enthusiasm. He appeared in the convention and accepted the nomination. While this convention was doing its work, Chairman Watson and a number of others—legates we suppose—were waiting in the other end of the hall and when Daney's convention had adjourned, Watson proceeded, by having the secretary to read the call of the convention. Upon a call of counties all responded but one and only one delegate answered from Warren. A committee on credentials was appointed and while they were preparing their report speeches were made by L. J. Moore, Esq., Rev Mr. Ferabee and F. D. Winston, Esq. The latter gentleman spoke eloquently and with much force. He was quite severe on the chairman of the judicial district convention held at Jackson and declared that no one was legally nominated for Solicitor and that Republicans were at liberty to vote for whom they pleased. He denounced mob rule in severe terms and declared that notwithstanding his devotion to the Republican party and its principles, he would vote for the meanest Democrat in the district before he would endorse or encourage the mob. His speech was roundly applauded. The committee on credentials reported and their report was adopted. The convention was then permanently organized by electing R. L. Parrott chairman and F. D. Winston secretary. Mr. Winston having left the hall, an assistant secretary was elected and nominations were declared in order. James E. O'Hara, I. B. Abbot and L. J. Moore were put in nomination. The first ballot resulted: O'Hara 22, Abbot 2 Moore 1. The nomination was made unanimous, and Mr. O'Hara being loudly called for appeared and accepted the nomination, stating that it was Democrats he intended to fight and not Republicans. Thus two candidates were nominated in the same hall, the same day, and by men claiming to be the regular delegates of their constituents. So pay your money and take your choice.

KINSTON ITEMS. Gathered By Our Regular Reporter.

Mark Oast, 8 year old son of Chief of Police W. T. Oast, died quite suddenly on Monday, the 23rd inst., of congestion. He was seized with a fit on the street and lived about an hour. On Tuesday the 24th, our townsman A. Eitinger, lost by death one of his twins, a sweet little babe of 7 months. Its remains were taken to Goldsboro for interment. Otis Griffin, little son of Chas. Griffin, while bathing in a slough in the town park the other day, came near losing his life. Unfortunately he got in deep water and was going down for the last time, when a colored man who was passing came to his rescue. Drs. Tall and Bryan, were called and succeeded in restoring the "vital spark": "Death rides on every passing breeze, And lurks in every flower." This incident should be a warning to parents. Many are very careless. Kinston Collegiate Institute, under the control of Rev. I. L. Chestnut and Prof. E. P. Mangum, will open Monday, the 30th inst. The school opened, and no doubt will be a success. I venture the assertion that Kinston has more children than any town in the State to the size of it. Mrs. Geo. Webb and Miss Amelia Hardie will soon open private schools for small children, the former at the Webb residence and the latter at M. C. C. Lawson's, foot of Caswell St. Miss Cynthia D. Tull has a position as teacher in the Collegiate Institute. Miss Capitola Grainger left Wednesday to attend Greensboro Female College. The following gentlemen of the bar are in town attending court: Hon. W. T. Dorch, J. W. Bryan, J. Y. Joyner and W. C. Moore, Goldsboro; L. J. Moore and Bryan, of Newbern; T. C. Wooten, Snow Hill; Charles Brown, of Jones county. Geo. K. Bagley, of Newbern, formerly a Kinstonian, was in town during part of the week shaking the hands of old friends. Dr. A. R. Miller and Louis Einstein are in Northern markets looking after their fall stock. Geo. Lloyd and Capt. J. M. White returned this week from a trip to New York. The many friends of C. F. Harvey are glad to meet him on our streets. He is on a short visit to relatives. His home is now in Raleigh. Superior Court for Lenoir county convened in Kinston, Monday, the 23rd inst., Judge Clark presiding. Court was called promptly at 10 o'clock. His Honor's charge to the Grand Jury was a large one, and after laying down a few rules for the guidance of the court, bar, jurors, witnesses and suitors, the State Docket was taken up and business commenced in earnest. Our Docket is very large; near 200 cases. Judge Clark's reputation had preceded him, and we were on our best behavior. We have a contempt for this promiscuous way newspapers have of puffing everybody who comes along, but can say truthfully that we think that Gov. Seales made no mistake when he appointed him Judge. Capt. W. A. Darden, Greene county's favorite son, was in town during the week. The Democrats of Lenoir would be pleased to cast their ballots for him in November as Senator for this District. A large number of people from the county and adjoining counties in town in attendance on court, and a more sober and orderly crowd was never witnessed in the history of the town. What has become of the Patent medicine men? The Newbern Journal and MESSENGER were represented. Solicitor O. H. Allen is a capital officer and conducts the prosecutions in a manner entirely satisfactory to all, except the "Bell-Wethers" in crime; perhaps they don't admire him. The following are the cases disposed of during the week of most importance, viz: State vs. Job. L. Stroud and Sam'l Howard larceny and receiving, verdict guilty, sentence 5 years for Stroud and one for Howard in State's prison. State vs. J. P. Nunn, A. & B. verdict, not guilty. State vs. W. H. Whitfield, manslaughter verdict, not guilty. State vs. Squire Jones larceny, verdict guilty, 2 years in State's prison. State vs. Joe McDonald, murder, submitted to manslaughter, 10 years in penitentiary. Judge Clark thought our clerk behaved a little naughtily, Monday, during the charge to the Grand Jury by whispering, so he told him to "enter a fine of twenty-five dollars against himself for contempt." Sheriff Sutton is doing his "level best" to be a good boy and may succeed, though some of his friends doubt it. The Republican Congressional Convention for the 2nd Congressional District was held in Kinston, August the 25th. The delegation split and organized in two bodies. Confusion and disorder reigned supreme. The whole affair was extremely disgusting to the white portion. In fact the color line was so tightly drawn by the colored people that most of the white people left the convention. Two candidates were brought out, each claiming to be the regular nominee. J. E. O'Hara and I. B. Abbot are now before the people for Congressional honors. The whole affair was a ridiculous farce and a disgrace to a free people. Rev. H. C. Bowen has returned from a visit to Onslow. Mac Katie Anderson, of Weldon, is now visiting her sister, Mrs. S. W. Chadwick of this place. We ask your attention to the new assortment of Clothing Samples of Fall and Winter wear, which we have just received from the Order Department of John Wansmaker, Philadelphia.

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OUR EUROPEAN LETTER. Glimpses of Strasbourg by Our Correspondent.

We mailed our last letter at Bar le Duc, but we will not take the time to describe our journey before reaching the frontier. We were assured that we had crossed the line by meeting squads of students here and there with their parcels of school books, a thing we had not seen of for a long time. Paris. The next object of interest that met our gaze was the German soldiers, who surpass anything we have seen on our trip in the military line. Thursday night we lodge at Savern, 24 miles from Strasbourg. We are off early in the morning, and describe our journey before reaching the frontier. We were assured that we had crossed the line by meeting squads of students here and there with their parcels of school books, a thing we had not seen of for a long time. Paris. The next object of interest that met our gaze was the German soldiers, who surpass anything we have seen on our trip in the military line. Thursday night we lodge at Savern, 24 miles from Strasbourg. 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