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POLITICAL.

All eyes, of a political cast, are turned West. Ohio is the great centre of interest. The election for Governor and other state officers comes off on 12th of October, this day week. No state was ever perhaps more thoroughly canvassed, both in point of activity and ability. Old Bill Allen, as he has for long time been familiarly called by his friends, and as he is now called by everybody else, heads the democratic ticket seconded by Hon. Samuel F. Cary, whom many of our people recollect, as having passed through this state on a lecturing tour some three years ago. We recollect, he made a speech, in front of the Benbow House, in Greensboro, upon the occasion of the democratic nominating convention of 1872 in which he gave evidence of both ability, information and great powers as a stump speaker. Besides these, able canvassers, in the democratic ranks, both in and out of Ohio in large numbers are actively engaged. "Old Bill Allen" is said to be simply irresistible as a stump speaker. He is a politician of the old school, always a democrat, who led a brilliant political career, from which he retired twenty-five years ago to seek the quiet enjoyments of a farmer's life. From this retirement he was called a year ago by the democracy to lead them to victory, which he did to the astonishment of everybody. He is a hale old man of seventy, a native of this State, and the uncle of Hon. A. G. Thurman, the great Senator of the West.

The democrats claim the State by a decided majority. Upon the other hand the republicans are no less active in the canvass, and have in the field perhaps an equal array of ability.

They have the advantage it is said of a lavish expenditure of money. They, with seemingly equal confidence, claim the State. The issue is a new one—one of finance altogether—the democrats opposing a speedy resumption of specie payment, and the republicans favoring it. This together with other differences of policy relating to the finances of the country seems to be the real issue, while it appears the republicans are trying to make other issues, such as opposition to Catholics, for instance. Allen's majority, it is reported, was less than two thousand last year, when the State was wrested from a large republican majority. It is impossible, as we think to foretell the result. The issue is a new one, and one upon which there is some division in both parties. We shall know in little more than a week.

TEMPERANCE.

The Grand Lodge of the I. O. G. T. met at Fayetteville last Tuesday. The Right Worthy Grand Chief Templar was present, and from accounts the meeting was full, interesting and calculated to do much good. And while speaking of temperance, being something like the man who said that speaking of gun flints reminded him of shooting, we will mention that from the Greensboro Patriot we have an account of a county temperance meeting held in that city on Saturday 26th of September, which was largely attended, and presided over by our old friend D. F. Caldwell. Most of the townships in the county appear to have been represented and able addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. Smith and others. Resolutions were adopted, committees were appointed, a day set for another meeting and earnest work is evidently intended. From the report of the proceedings we infer that this was not a meeting of good Templars, or any other order, but simply a meeting of all those who sympathize with the temperance cause.

GOV. HOLDEN'S DISABILITIES.

There was an ordinance before the Convention for the removal of the disabilities imposed upon W. W. Holden by the Court of Impeachment by which he was deposed. After long debate the ordinance was defeated. It would have passed, but for the reason that the Convention, under the restrictions contained in the act calling it had no power to pass such an ordinance. To have done so would have been an act of legislation, and to legislate is one of the things the Convention is enjoined from doing. There was however introduced an ordinance to so amend the Constitution as to give the legislative power of pardon in such cases under certain provisions. This ordinance will doubtless pass, and then when it becomes a part of the Constitution the legislature will have power to act, which should satisfy the friends of the proscribed Governor.

Mrs. Clomson, the last surviving child of John C. Calhoun died in South Carolina, recently.

CONVENTION.

The Convention has been in session now twenty-five days and has done much. It is true not a great many amendments have been passed their final readings, yet most of that preliminary work, which has to be done before any important matter is really adopted, has been done in the case of many useful and important amendments. The ordinances have been prepared, have passed the scrutiny of committee rooms, have been debated, and in many instances have passed some of their readings. All this work had to be done, and it has been as rapidly as could have been under the circumstances. We have given as full a report of the proceedings as we could yell. It would be impossible for us to report synopsis of speeches, and the full reports as given by the daily papers. We note everything that passes, and such other of the proceedings as we deem of special interest. The democratic majority is so small as to be not entirely beyond the annoyance of the republicans, who are seemingly doing all they can to cause delay and confusion. They are trying to make party capital for another campaign. The waste of time—every hour of it—is chargeable to the republicans. There is little doubt from present indications that the body will adjourn by the middle of this month. The ordinance submitting the new Constitution to the voters of the State at the next regular election has already passed.

Delano, who has become notorious if not famous as Grants Secretary of the Interior, has at last resigned. He appears to have been driven to this course by the force of circumstances. Some months ago he tendered his resignation, but it appears to have passed unnoticed until now. Possibly an understood matter between the Secretary and his chief. He goes out under the cloud that has for a long time overhung his reputation, as an honest man and faithful public servant. Grants officials are unfortunate in getting under clouds, and it seems next to impossible to dissipate those clouds to the satisfaction of the public. Will the day of jobbery, trickery, fraud, peculation and dishonesty in high places and low places of government, ever cease to be the rule and not the exception?

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NINETEENTH DAY. Resolution introduced to adjourn on the 4th of this month. The substitute for the different ordinances, forbidding white and black children going to school together was adopted. Three republicans voted against this ordinance. The resolution to keep up the public highways by taxation was passed over informally.

In regard to the school fund, an ordinance passed its second reading, providing that fines penalties and forfeitures should be applied to the School fund in the county where they were imposed and collected. Many other ordinances and resolutions were taken up and debated, some of which passed as far as their second readings, and which will be noticed as they are disposed of.

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CHICAGO, Sept. 29. Chas. H. Ham, customs appraiser at this port, who without notice has been removed from office, this morning publishes an open letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, Bristow in which, while asserting that repeated investigations only confirmed the honesty and correctness of his management, he makes serious charges against the Secretary for covering up frauds in the New York Custom House, and says that the report of Mr. Blodgett, detailing the monstrous frauds which honeycombed the customs service of New York, was suppressed, and the author of it was permitted to return to New York to continue the reforms he had inaugurated as General Appraiser of the port of Philadelphia.

THE WILMINGTON STAR SAYS, Ex-Congressman Beck, of Kentucky, is confident as are all the Democratic politicians in Ohio, that Gov. Allen will be re-elected by a tremendous majority; and while he is of opinion that Ohio, Indiana and Illinois are not infatigable with in the strict meaning of the word; those States are not ready to reduce values to a specie basis for several years to come. Respecting the influence of New York in the presidential canvass, he said to a Washington reporter that selecting a candidate from New York in 1868 and '72 would give the West a claim to recognition, and he believed a Western man would be the choice of the national convention.

THE BIG EXCITEMENT OF TO-DAY was the Robeson county case again. There was a motion to reconsider the vote by which the resolution had passed referring the whole matter to a special committee. Upon this motion to reconsider it was objected that the two delegates from Robeson, whose seats are contested,

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RADICAL INCONSISTENCY.

(Lexington Central.)

During the late campaign in this State one of the most potent and oft repeated "drumheads" the Radical party urged as a legitimate argument against the call of a Convention was, that the Conservative party would not abide by the restrictions imposed in the call. At every precinct in Davidson county, where speeches were made, the Radical candidates read from the Salisbury Watchman and the Charlotte Democrat editorials in those papers, and argued that as these were organs of the Conservative party, that they showed the real intentions of the Conservatives if elected, not to regard these restrictions. But, strange to relate, these would be prophets, have proved false oracles. The Conservatives to a man, without the least objection or delay, took the oath to abide by the restrictions. Really wonderful to relate one of the leaders, if not "the leader," of the Radical party in the Convention Judge Tourgee, introduced and offered a resolution to do away with the restrictions, and to leave the Convention free to disregard them. Funny about it, that such a move should have originated in Radical ranks?

AN AWFUL CRIME.—Last Monday evening the citizens of Durham were thunderstruck with the announcement that one Verban Castlebury, a man at least fifty years old, had committed rape upon the person of Emma Webb, a little girl ten years old. The community was terribly moved, and our best and most influential citizens had almost reached that point to elevate the rascal in the air without trial or jury. At 3 o'clock he was arraigned before Justices Parrish and Watson. Mr. E. M. Briggs appeared for Castlebury. The little girl swore positively to the fact of his attempting to commit rape, and there was no evidence to contradict her testimony. The magistrates decided to bail him in a bond of \$500. If he is cleared upon the charge of rape, he will certainly be convicted of an attempt to commit rape.

Castlebury is known in the community as a very bad man, and this is but another of his hellish deeds added to a long category of crime. All that is necessary is that justice be meted out to him. Since the above was in type, Castlebury has been committed to jail in default of sufficient bail—Tobacco Plant.

THE ROSE HASHANA.—Yesterday at 6 p. m., our fellow-citizens of the Hebrew faith commenced to celebrate the feast of Rosh Hashana, the civil new year 5636 of the creation of the world. This morning interesting ceremonies were held at the new synagogue over the store of Mr. Rosenbaum & Bro., Fayetteville street, conducted by Mr. Graustein. The celebration of the feast closed at 6 this evening. During the services this morning the Shafr (ram's horn) was sounded and sincere prayers were sent up to God for the peace and happiness of all mankind. The new synagogue is plainly but neatly fitted up, and the curtain of the ark, containing the Holy Scroll, and the covering of the reading desk are of elegant white satin.—Sentinel 30th Sept.

The negro Virgil Stewart who attempted a rape upon a Miss Ennis in Johnston county a few weeks ago, of which we gave an account at the time was at the recent term of Johnston Superior Court convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

A boy recently found a pocket-book and returned it to its owner, who gave him a five cent piece. The boy looked at the coin an instant, and then handed it reluctantly back, audibly sighing, as he said: "I can't change it."

We learn by the News that the Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society have unanimously tendered an invitation to Hon. Jefferson Davis to deliver an address at the Fair to commence on the 12th proximo. The presence of Mr. Davis on that occasion would add greatly to the interest of the week, and would give universal satisfaction.

The Jackson, Miss. Clarion says: "The testimony in the Clinton riot shows that it was a seditious and premeditated plot to massacre every white Democrat and Conservative on the ground."

The Philadelphia man who was arrested in Delaware for horse stealing wrote home to his friends, that he was temporarily detained there by a heavy pressure of stocks.

A Wisconsin type-setter who refuses to insert quotation marks has damaged Milton so much that the poet's friends up there are beginning to cry out.

An Osvego billy-goat did the world a service, the other day, by butting two base-ball nines off the field, and breaking up the match.

Jeff. Davis has been bobbing around in the Colorado mountains.