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The deadlock at Albany has been broken and the officers of the Legislature elected by the Democrats.

The practical question for the Democratic party today is, shall Dr. Mott and the Republican leaders make the issues on which the next election is to turn, or shall we do it?

The Democrats usually allow the Republicans to make the issues. In one instance the issue—relief for the East—was made by the Democrats and gave them the victory.

CONCERNING the time of the next elections in this State the News and Observer says:

A casual examination of the question leads us to believe that the approaching State election comes off in November and not in August, as we have heard it suggested.

The motion for a new trial in Gutman's case has been argued before Judge Cox. The motion was refused and the prisoner sentenced to be hung on the 30th of June.

When the sentence was pronounced Gutman declared that the country would suffer, but said nothing farther. He was very quiet and did not engage in any of those denunciations with which the trial was characterized.

It is very certain that Gutman will be hung in June unless he loses his mind before then, which Mr. Seaville believes to be the case.

If the Democratic party repeats the county government law, it will sacrifice principle to policy, and "that is all there is in it."

The property holders of the east are largely Democratic in their political ideas and when they are placed by the Democratic party under control of the Republicans in the management of a county government, self preservation will possibly suggest to them to make terms with the Republicans, if they can, in home affairs and such a course could not be condemned by those who have deserted them.

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Whenever an independent movement is inaugurated with any hope of success the people of this State will see at its head some one who is in office by the grace of one or the other of the two political parties now existing and who can only keep in office by a new departure—some man whose party desires to relieve him of office, but is unwilling to surrender it and will, by the help of malcontents and the opposition declare in favor of a new party, to keep his office. Such a course would not be patriotic, but then it would be profitable.

It is said that the President has refused to receive any more delegations from North Carolina and has intimated that he will make no appointment for this State until the several factions unite on a slate.

The Tarboro Southerner is opposed to any change in the system of county government. We hope the Democratic party will not make any change, but things look that way.

The Democratic party has heretofore said to the people "Vote our ticket and you will vote for economy in the expenses of the government."

We would also impress this upon those who think the sun rises in the West that there are several voters in the Eastern counties who have always been Democrats, and that although those voters only number about fifty thousand, yet without their active operation on party cannot be in the majority.

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We hope our farmers will diversify their crops as much as they can. They may not have as much money for a year or two, but they will need less and in a short while they will find to be most profitable.

The people living in those sections where cotton is not grown are more prosperous than they who inhabit the cotton belt and have not half the advantages.

RAILWAY WORK AND PLANS. Raleigh, N. C., February 2.—Passing events of the last two months have shown that the purchase of the Carolina Central Railroad, running from Wilmington to Charlotte, and from Charlotte west to Shelby, in Cleveland county, by Mr. John Robinson, for the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company, is a matter of much more significance and of much greater importance than was at first supposed.

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