

A Weekly Democratic Journal devoted to the material, educational, political and agricultural interests of Halifax and surrounding counties.

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JULIAN S. CARR.

Every one who contemplates the present political situation in North Carolina must necessarily be impressed with the crisis that confronts us. The time has arrived for the exercise of patriotism and sacrifice on the part of every man to whom the welfare of the State is dear.

Any one who has witnessed the disgraceful scenes that have been part and parcel of every Republican convention that has convened in Eastern North Carolina need not be told what the result will be when the party of 1868 again regains control.

We believe that this threatened evil to the good of the people can be averted. We know it is the duty of every man who loves his State to respond to the call when the best interests of the Commonwealth are in danger.

When the Democratic State Convention meets, of the names that will be presented for the nomination for Governor, none will have greater claim on the suffrages of the citizens than Julian S. Carr.

Mr. Carr represents easily the progressive thought of the State, and has been a leader in every idea of development and progress.

A North Carolinian who loves his State, he is a philanthropist who has never failed to respond to the call of humanity, and it ought to be the pride of the people to crown his career with their highest honor.

In the party, his counsel has been wise and conservative, his record on the questions of the day puts him in accord with the masses of the people, and of all the men whose names are before the public, we believe that he is the man of the hour.

Placed at the head of our State ticket, confidence will take the place of apathy, and with his successful life as a guarantee of his political future, the Democratic party which has before redeemed the State from the horrids of Radicalism will once more preserve for the people that order and good government which has been a part of its history.

Almost 30,000 government employes were brought with one sweep within the protection of the civil service last week by the issuance of an executive order by President Cleveland making a general revision of the civil service rules. The order is the most important since the inauguration of the system more than a decade ago. It takes effect immediately.

In practical effect is the classification of all employes below the rank of those subject to nomination by the president and confirmation by the senate, and above the grades of laborers, or workmen, with a few exceptions. The order has long been in contemplation, and its promulgation, is the result of an immense amount of correspondence and conference between the president, the civil service commissioners and the heads of the various departments.

In the death of Judge John H. Dilard, of Greensboro, the State has lost a valuable citizen. He was a good man—a pure man—an able jurist. As a Supreme Court judge his papers are said to be among the ablest ever handed down by that high tribunal. The loss of such men in this day and time, borders on a calamity.

The money question is dominant. McKinley refuses to say what he thinks on the money question. McKinley is to be the Republican candidate for President. Was there ever a better opportunity for the Democracy? N. Y. World.

Well, yes, we think we have seen the old party in a little better shape than it is today.

There is not so much danger of the little earth of ours being overcrowded after all, for a German mathematician has figured out that if the whole human family stood together as close as they could stand a good bicycle rider could row around them in four hours.

CAPTAIN D. P. SLATTERY, a wealthy citizen of St. Louis, who was found dead in a lake near there a few days ago, was in command of the gunboat Cricket during the last two years of the rebellion. He was then under 20 years of age, and the youngest commanding officer in the navy.

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THE PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

As Amended and Changed by the State Executive Committee.

PRECINCT ORGANIZATION.

1. The unit of county organization shall be the voting precinct. In each precinct there shall be an executive committee, to consist of five active Democrats, who shall be elected by the Democratic voters of the several precincts in the meetings first called by the county executive committee.

2. The chairman of the several precinct committees shall compose the county Executive committee, which shall meet at the same time and place as the county convention first held in each election year, and elect a chairman of said county committee, who need not be a member of the committee, and he shall preside at all meetings of said committee, and shall hold his place until his successor shall be elected.

3. In case there shall be a failure on the part of any precinct to elect its executive committee for a period of thirty days, the county executive committee shall appoint said committee from the Democratic voters of said precinct.

4. The members of the precinct committee shall elect to any vacancy occurring in said committee.

5. The County Executive committee shall call all necessary county conventions by giving at least ten days' notice by public advertisement in three public places in each precinct, at the court house door, and in any Democratic newspaper that may be published in said county, requesting all Democrats of the county to meet in their respective precincts on a common day therein stated, which said day shall not be less than three days before the meeting of the county convention, for the purpose of electing their delegates to the county conventions from the voters of their respective precincts.

6. Each delegate to the county convention shall be entitled to one vote, and each precinct shall be entitled to one vote for every twenty-five Democratic voters cast by the township at the last preceding gubernatorial election. Provided, that every voting precinct shall be entitled to at least one vote, and each precinct may send as many delegates as it may see fit.

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10. At every county convention, before delegates to State, Congressional, Judicial, Senatorial or other conventions are chosen, there shall be a vote taken for the different candidates for office, whose names may be presented, and the delegates shall vote their respective counties in accordance with this vote; that is to say, each candidate shall receive in the State, Congressional, Judicial, Senatorial or other conventions, the proportion of the vote to which the county may be entitled which he received in the county convention. The chairman and secretary

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