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THE MEETING PLACE OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The party seems to be exercised on the subject of where the National Convention is to assemble. A committee of twelve has been appointed in Cincinnati to go to Washington next month and urge upon the National Democratic Committee the desirability of holding the Convention in Cincinnati. Senator elect Beck, of Kentucky, has written a letter to some of the leading citizens of Louisville urging them to take immediate steps with the view of having that city selected as the place of its meeting, whilst the St. Louis papers express the confident opinion that that city will be selected. Friends of Northern candidates are working in behalf of Philadelphia.

GRANT DRIVES.

The President, can't be caught napping, as experience shows. A hundred gross of corkers could not extort from him this early in the day a single word on the third term. He said Blaine was in nobody's way, and he didn't say that Ulysses Grant was for Conkling's candidacy. At least that is what the all-wise correspondents in Washington say. His friends maintain that this apprehensive policy, which, with slight variations, has been preserved since Grant was first nominated for President, will be adhered to rigidly to the last. Just what anybody might have seen Grant never yet easily yielded a position.

They buried in Italy the other day the last descendant of the man after whom Columbus' land was fraudulently named. It took three centuries and three quarters of time of the face of the earth, the race of the Vespucci, but the name that the head of their house gave to this continent is as robust and eternal reproach to those who meekly suffered it and lie at rest.

We heartily join with that dictum of a few of our Southern exchanges—indeed it was the idea we had of the matter at first—that despite the fury and bluster of the Democratic Party the debates in Congress have done more good than harm. Nobody is hurt except the born destructive or the cooler-blooded hater from policy.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

The enquiry having been made by the Statesville Landmark as to time and place of holding the State Democratic Conservative Convention, and the suggestion made that some time in the month of March was a good time and Greensboro a good place, Gen. Cox, Chairman of the Executive Committee, makes a response which is printed in the Landmark. Gen. Cox says:

Thus far there has been no formal consultation on the subject, yet I feel authorized in saying that the committee desiring to reflect the wishes and consult the pleasure and convenience of our friends in all parts of the State will be pleased to receive suggestions from the press and individuals in regard to these matters.

The Executive Committee will meet in Washington in February to consult in regard to the time and place of holding the National Democratic Convention, and as our State Convention has hitherto been held in time to appoint delegates to represent us in that body, I see no necessity for departing from the precedent, although our State elections have been postponed to November.

Your question will, however, require to be decided by the State Executive Committee, when assembled for that purpose. They will be called together some time after the action of the National Democratic Executive Committee is made known.

It will be remembered that the last State Convention of the Conservative party was held at Greensboro—that of 1872. Perhaps that fact would be an argument to influence the Committee to have the Convention of 1876 to meet at some other accessible and otherwise suitable point. Raleigh, Goldsboro, Salisbury, Charlotte, and last—but not least—Wilmington, are much suitable places. The people of the Cape Fear would warmly welcome the representative Democrats of North Carolina to their principal city, and the metropolis of North Carolina would feel honored in doing the honors of the occasion. Will the Executive Committee decide upon Wilmington? We could make a festive occasion for our friends, and show them more things on sea and land than perhaps more of them have dreamed of.

The time of holding the Convention should certainly not be much, if any, earlier than the meeting of the National Convention, that body will meet, probably soon after the Republican National Convention, which assembles on 14th inst.

LEADERSHIP IN CONGRESS.

Some events that have transpired in Congress this term justify the following paragraph in Mr. Blair's Washington letter to the Raleigh News:

"Democratic leaders are growing uneasy because of the evident desire for direct pliancy and the divergent views of the party in the House. A fortnight, it is hoped, will develop a change. Lamar is the obvious choice of delivery from the caucus in the House. He was with this majority when it last became precipitate, as well as directed the minority of last winter. Without a policy here we cannot win in the country in the autumn, and we cannot have a policy without leadership."

Certainly there is brain enough (and Mr. Randall's fight on the Force bill during the last Congress shows there is) in the Democratic ranks to cope successfully with the Republicans. We hope that no gentleman, whatever his abilities, previous position or popularity at home or in his section, will dispute the leadership of Messrs. Lamar and Randall, the "born Rodericks" of this parliamentary fray. We feel that with a little occasional reinforcement from individual Democrats of ability and influence, and the powerful support of the caucus, these gifted men are equal to the demands that are made of them. We must have at Washington a vigorous and wise policy and the utmost harmony of feeling and perfect unity in action. The enemy's columns are unnumbered with great skill because they are guided by one subtle intellect, using the wits and wills of perhaps a score of others.

They tell me that I have written that I am a fallen creature. I never was better than I am. Better's cheaply given word. That speech is a masterpiece of the construction. According to what we place upon it, the 17th month parrot told the same truth. He was never better, and never would he add, never worse.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

The Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society say that it will take at least five thousand dollars to defray the expenses of North Carolina at the Centennial. The Legislature, refused to appropriate one dollar to this purpose, and the agent, Prof. Kerr, who will do all in his power to represent faithfully the industries and historical relics of the State at that great national exposition, will be obliged to rely upon the liberal spirited citizens of the State for the small sum necessary.

The statement of the committee, in the form of an open circular, appealing to each individual interested, is presented in another place in today's Star. We hope it will receive the attention its importance demands.

Now North Carolina, the oldest except one of the Southern States, with all her glorious history and her immense undeveloped and partially developed resources, ought to be prominently represented at the National Centennial. She must be there in full force, and the little money needed should be raised in good time.

READ THE RECORD.

Radical Republicans need not seek to make political capital (but of the vote on the Centennial bill. The vote stood as follows:

Yeas, 148	Nays, 130
Democrats, 85	Republicans, 109
Independents, 53	
Total, 386	

The Asheville Citizen, referring to our recent sheep article and those in the News, says: "If the State press can't waken an interest in this matter, can succeed in convincing the land owners in North Carolina of the wealth to be found in raising sheep then much good will have been done and a long stride taken in the development of the resources of the Old North State."

H. V. Redfield, in one of his letters to the Cincinnati Commercial says, and very truly, we believe, that as there are more of them in the North than in the South. Also there is more burglary, arson and larceny in the North than in the South.

The Cincinnati Commercial says it is understood to be the purpose of the managers of the Democratic party to nominate Mr. Pendleton in the next National Democratic Convention in the capacity of senatorial delegate.

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NEWSPAPER OPINION.

Should the Democrats so degrade themselves as to accept a ticket made up of a collection of Liberal Republicans and Moderate Republicans, they will hardly merit and honestly enough, even should they have power, to administer the government any better than the Republican.

The press is stirring the subject and using its pen to arouse to action. But we know the State Executive Committee is not remote, but waiting with detestation both to the expressions of opinion desirable to be called out, and also to the movements of the National Executive Committee, whose action will have its weight upon the State Committee.

In regard to the call of the State Executive Committee, the month of March of early in April, it strikes us, would be appropriate. The State Convention might meet in June, it is hardly necessary to have it earlier, since the elections begin in November, would make a campaign of unusual and unnecessary length.

THE NEW WORK HOUSE.

The new Work House, which has been in process of erection for some time past by Mr. B. F. Mathes, lately of the firm of Mathes & Co., has about been completed and the prisoners have been transferred to their new quarters. The machinery, used in the process of making brick, is also being removed. The new Work House is located on a half-acre lot between Ann and Gaston and Fourteenth and Sixteenth streets, being much more advantageously situated than the old one, with reference to convenience, etc., while it possesses better facilities, in the way of material and in other respects than did the old one. It is surmounted with a stockade twelve feet in height, with poles in front, and has a substantial and comfortable prison house, which has been completed.

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Accident to Judge Henry.

We regret to learn that Judge Henry, who so recently held a protracted term of the Superior Court in this city, while passing over the mountains, a few days ago, was thrown from his horse and in addition to other injuries, had one of his arms broken. The fact is, he was thrown from his horse at a point in the mountains, near the town of New River.

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