The Chatham Record

THURSDAY, May 13, ... 1880.

H. A. LONDON, Jr., Editor.

JUDICIAL CONVENTION.

A convention of the Democrats of the Fifth Judicial District, composed of the counties of Franklin, Granville, Orange, Chatham, Alamance, Guilford, Randolph, Caswell and Person, will be held in Durham on the 15th day of June, 1880 to nominate a candidate for Judge of this District. Each county will be entitled to one vote for every one hundred votes and fractional part over fifty, given for Gov. Vance in 1876.

By order of District Executive Committee. CALEB B. GREEN, Chairman.

MANNING FOR JUDGE.

It will be seen from the above notice that the Convention for nominating a Judge of this Judicial District will be held at Durham on the 15th of June, as suggested by THE RECORD last week, and in behalf of the people of Chatham, regardless of party or politics, we name for that high office our distinguished countyman—Hon. John Manning. To all who know this gentleman his nomination would be peculiarly gratifying, and for the benefit of those who may not know him we will say a few words. In this county, where he is best known, no man has ever been more highly esteemed for the purity of his private character, for the value of his public services, and for his ability as a learned lawyer and eloquent advocate.

Elected to Congress in 1870 Mr. Manning was the first Representative from the Southern States to raise his voice in behalf of our oppressed and slandered people. His memorable speech, delivered in February 1871, was an eloquent and manly vindication of his people, by whom it was read with pleasure and pride, and justly entitled him to their lasting gratitude. His next public position was that of a member of the Convention of 1875 that amended our State Constitution. It will be remembered that the democrats had only one majority in that body, and that in order to have unity of action they held a caucus every night to decide what they would do next day. Mr. Manning occupied the very honorable and responsible position of Chairman of all those caucuses, and was regarded as the leader of that able body of men, and to him more than any other man is due the success that attended the labors of that Convention.

Though not a candidate, except for the positions above named, yet in every campaign since the war Mr. Manning has taken a most active part, and has most ably canvassed for the success of the democratic party. And yet while he is a zealous democrat, he is so much esteemed by republicans and possesses their confidence to such a degree that we are assured by leading men of that party that there will be no opposition to his election, should he be nominated. They feel assured that as a Judge he will dispense justice to all alike, and be an honor to the Judiciary of North Carolina.

The best proof of Mr. Manning's ability as a lawyer is shown by the dockets of our Courts, for in nearly every case in this county he appears for either plaintiff or defendant. His professional services are so highly valued by our people that no suitor feels safe when he is employed by the other side. With remarkably fine natural ability, he adds the experience of an extensive practice of more than twenty-five years, and will go upon the bench as one of the best equipped Judges that we have ever had.

The people of Chatham, then, present to their brethren of this District the name of their countyman as one who is eminently qualified and deserving, and his nomination would be a fitting compliment to a county which has never had one of its citizens honored with the position of Judge.

In the nominating Convention the counties composing the district will be entitled to cast the following votes, viz: Alamance 13, Caswell 15, Chatham 21, Franklin 19, Granville 24, Guilford 23, Orange 24, Person 12, Randolph 17 and Rockingham 24, making a total of 189, so that it will require 95 votes to nominate, and more than this number the friends of Mr. Manning feel assured that he will receive on the first ballot.

The Gubernatorial Contest.

If a stranger from some foreign country should visit our State just now and read the newspapers therein, he would naturally conclude that the matter most important to the people of North Carolina and that the question most deeply concerned them is "Who shall be Governor"? The friends of the aspirants for the Gubernatorial nomination are filling the columns of the papers with lengthy communications urging the claims of their favorites, and doing all they can to ensure their success. At present the contest for the nomination seems to be between the present incumbent, Gov. Jarvis, and Judge Fowle, although it is possible that the contest between them may wax so warm and so much feeling be aroused that it may yet result in the nomination of some one else. The people of North Carolina may be congratulated upon having either one of these two gentlemen as their Governor, and we think the friends of either do wrong in speaking harshly or unkindly of the other. We believe the people of this county would be content with the nomination of either Fowle or Jarvis, for they feel assured that either would be elected and would faithfully discharge the duties of his high office. We do not think the delegates from Chatham to the State Convention will be "instructed" to vote for either, but that they will go untrammelled, and be free to consult with the other delegates from the different counties. Our idea of a Convention is, that the delegates should be allowed to deliberate together and consult with each other, and not that they should go there wearing the collar of any man. If the counties intend to "instruct" their delegates, why have a Convention? Why not add up the votes that the delegates would cast and declare the result without the expense of holding a Convention?

Grant's Candidacy.

[Washington Post.]

The third-termers are beginning to talk of withdrawing General Grant from the race in order to save him the ignominy of a defeat at Chicago. It's too late for that. Like Macbeth, he is in so far that whether he goes over or turns back makes little difference. Whether defeated before or after a vote is taken, whether withdrawn in May or beaten in June, the fact remains that he has tried by every possible means to secure a third term nomination. The fact remains, and will go into history, that "the greatest living American," "the head and summit of the human race," the man who rode above the clouds, and was going to have the nomination passed up to him by an adoring people, got down into the dust to compete for the prize, and was driven out by a rebellion in his own party. We do not yet believe that he will be withdrawn, but if he is, he will have tarnished his fame by the scramble about as effectually as if he had been worsted at Chicago. Gen. Grant's fatal mistake was made when he went into the fight. Whether he backs out or is whipped out is of little moment.

The Liquor Question.

[From the Raleigh Christian Advocate.]

It is high time that all good men and women in North Carolina become alive to the responsibility of the hour in reference to their duty in the suppression of liquor selling and liquor drinking. As stated before, a Legislature assembles and reduces the tax on the selling of liquor and thus encourages its sale and use. Our leading men, as a rule, are not seen in the front rank to put down this evil. Many of them who see the evil and feel the importance of checking it are afraid to take a bold stand against it. A great many ministers and members of the Church who are sound in principal and sentiment on this subject are not easily at work. The Church is not exerting the influence it can and ought to exert to put down liquor drinking and liquor selling. The County Commissioners of each and every county have a right to forbid the sale of liquor in their respective counties, and yet we know of only one or two counties in the State where they have had the moral courage to do it. The good men and women of this land are largely to blame for not using their influence against the evil. Let the good people assemble and pass resolutions and send up petitions to their respective Boards of County Commissioners and urge them for the good of society, on behalf of thousands of miserable mothers and wives, and begging, ragged children, to stop the terrible evil in their respective counties. Let the good people of the State tell the various candidates for office that if they go around the State, or county, treating on liquor to get votes, or expect when elected to vote so as to promote the liquor traffic—tell them plainly and firmly that they will not vote for them, let them understand thoroughly that we are going to make a mighty struggle to put down the evil and that we intend to discard every man that is opposed to us in our work.

Horsewhipping Women.

[From the New York Herald.]

The horsewhipping of three ladies of good position in Steubenville, O., has created a great sensation there. A young girl about sixteen years of age resides there with her parents, and, being handsome and gay, she has many admirers among the young men. Her father did not allow her to receive gentlemen callers, but she did so on the sly, nevertheless. Just before the whipping took place, her parents and married sister went down the street, leaving her at home. Shortly after their departure, a young man called at the house to see the girl, but had only been there a few minutes when the father returned. On finding the two in the parlor together, the father flew into a passion, threatened to make short work of the young man if he did not make himself scarce, and the caller went at once in double-quick time. The father then went to his stable, and, procuring a heavy horsewhip, returned to the house for the purpose of whipping the girl; but, in the meantime, the mother and married sister had come home, and when he commenced to lash the girl the former interfered. He then turned his attention to her and cut her in a very brutal manner over the back, face and hands, each stroke making a large welt and drawing blood. Next, the married daughter attempted to shield her mother, and she also received a severe flagellation, the father following her out into the street, where she ran to escape him, and whipping her there in presence of a number of spectators. He is likely to suffer for his action, for his wife and daughter, by the death of a relative, inherited some $18,000 or $20,000 a short time since, and he has been having a good time spending it ever since. But the wife now declares she will live with him no longer, and in a few days intends going to Wheeling to live with her married daughter, who resides there, and was only in Steubenville on a visit.

Enforcing the Law.

Louisville Kentucky is blessed with a Mayor who not only knows how to organize conventions and manipulate Legislatures, but who knows how to make grim jokes. The Legislature recently enacted a very stringent Sunday law, which forbids the doing of any kind of work for hire or profit from the midnight of Saturday until the midnight of Sunday. The Mayor was opposed to this law and exerted his influence against it. The Courier Journal and one or two others of the papers advocated the bill, and nearly all the preachers in town prayed for its passage. It was passed, and yesterday it was enforced for the first time. The Mayor was seized with a virtuous desire to do his whole duty and enforce the law to a letter, although he is not noted for his pious daily walk. He notified all tradesmen and dairymen that they would be arrested and indicted if they attempted to pursue their usual vocations during Sunday. He also said editors and compositors should not work, and that newsboys should not sell papers. A little past midnight of Saturday policemen were sent to all the newspaper offices, and the names of all persons at work were taken for presentation to the grand jury. He did not fully carry out his threat, it will be seen, in regard to the newspapers, but he had his joke nevertheless in a totally unexpected way. When the last church bell had stopped ringing a policeman entered each church and took the names of all those paid for assisting in the services. This, as a rule, only embraced the organists and sextons of the several churches. But the action created much excitement and not a little indignation. The cabs and hacks were all sent from the streets, and in several instances the private carriages of gentlemen were stopped in the streets and the driver's name taken for presentation to the grand jury. The most serious annoyance felt was occasioned by the delivery of milk over night. There was a thunder storm Saturday night, and the milk for Sunday's use was all soured. Indeed, it is said that the Mayor himself took his coffee "straight" yesterday morning. Allusion was made to the law in nearly every pulpit.

After a License.

A colored man, tired and dusty, came to the counter of the business office in the internal revenue department, in this city yesterday forenoon, and asked for a license. On being told that it would cost him five dollars, he exclaimed, "O hush boss, that's too much; won't you let me have it for less?" He was assured that he would have to take out license for a whole year, and that was the price, with no discount. He looked surprised, drew a long breath and said, "Oh hush, boss, I don't want it for a year; I want it for a life time. You see the girl and me ain't got much money, and we want to get married as cheap as we can." He was referred to the Register of Deeds for Wake county, with the recommendation that license should issue, since it was matrimony he was bent on. He got his license, laughed and said he had walked twenty-one miles for it. He had made the distance in four hours, and as soon as he got the precious permit, started on the back track.—Observer.

Ex-Senator Pomeroy.

We understand that Senator Pomeroy, of Kansas, who was in the United States Senate for four years, is now living at the Parris gold mine, in Nash county engaged in mining operations.—Wilson Advance.

A Double Drowning.

[Raleigh Observer.]

Early yesterday morning a merry party of about fifty persons, members of the Lodge of Good Templars, went out on their annual pic-nic, to Penny's pond, five miles southwest of the city. Everything was auspicious for a day's pleasure, the bright skies and balmy weather giving a zest to the affair. But the brightest morning may have a gloomy ending, and this proved but too true in this instance, for the erewhile joy of the pleasure seekers was turned into the deepest grief.

About 10:30 in the morning a mounted messenger rode into the city with the news that an accident had occurred at the pond, whereby two young men had lost their lives by drowning. A number of persons hastened to the scene, and on reaching the pond found the pic-nic party frantic with grief and terror at an awful calamity which had occurred, and put an end to two young lives.

Among the party were Beauregard Crocker, a youth some twenty years of age. With him was John D. McMillan, a youth of about the same age. These two young men, soon after arriving at the pond, went out in one of the small boats, accompanied by Miss Annie Mitchell, a young lady some sixteen years of age. The young men paddled to the head of the pond, and were returning to the dam, when the boat ran on a stump, whose top was just below the surface of the water. It stopped the boat, and the two men made several efforts to push it off, using the paddles for that purpose. Suddenly the boat capsized and its three occupants were thrown into the water.

Miss Mitchell struggled to avoid sinking, and both Crocker and McMillian, who were excellent swimmers, went to her aid, Crocker first reached her, and she grasped him tightly. In a few moments McMillan reached her, and she clung to him also. The two were so intent on saving her that they thought not of themselves, and made heroic efforts to carry her towards the bank, which was about one hundred feet away. She held them so tightly and in such a way that they were unable to have the free use of their limbs, which was so necessary. The result was that after she had been brought a little nearer the land the strength of the two gave out, and both with the young lady, sank. Mr. Crocker was the first to become entirely exhausted from his heroic efforts to save the lady and finally sank for the last time.

About two hundred yards away from the scene of the drowning a boat was moored, in which sat Charles Jordan, Iley Rogers, and a small boy, of this city. They were alarmed by the cries of the drowning men for help, and hastily releasing the boat from its fastenings, went to the head of the pond, whence the cries came. When they came near they saw the boat bottom upward and the head of the young lady just going beneath the water for the last time. Crocker and McMillan were both out of sight, having finally sunk several seconds before. Mr. Jordan, the moment the boat arrived over the exact spot, saw Miss Mitchell sinking, and dived at a blue bow in her hair, which could be seen in the water. He caught the drowning girl by her long hair and was able to return to the surface with her. Both he and Rogers then placed her in the boat with much efforts and she was taken to the shore. Attempts at resuscitation proved of good effect, and she was soon brought back to consciousness.

While some of the party were rendering her this aid, others were making efforts to reach the bodies of the two noble young men who had lost their lives in the attempt to save her. The water was a dozen feet in depth, and very cold, but several persons dived repeatedly for the bodies. Finally both were recovered by Mr. S. M. Parrish, and brought to land. All attempts to restore them to life, and many were made, proved unavailing, and the two faces remained placid in death's sleep.

At 3:30 in the afternoon the dead men were brought back to the city the entire party accompanying. As, the long line of vehicles following the ambulance which bare the corpses passed up Fayetteville street, the scene was one of the saddest ever witnessed here. It was an exemplification of the extremes of human joy and sorrow. Those who in the early morn had gone out in merry array returned in the evening a funeral procession.

Race for a Wife.

A correspondent of the Raleigh Visitor from Pollocksville, Jones county, says:

"A novel wedding was celebrated here to-day. It seems that John Miller and Alexander Bibb, two well-to-do young farmers, were in love with the same girl—Miss Leonora Loyd, of this place. She was not able to decide which she liked best. On Sunday morning last Bibb walked home from church with her, and left her under the impression that she said she would marry him. Last night Miller went to see her, and understood her to say that she would marry him.

Both men this morning went to the court-house to get out the license. Each procured the necessary documents and started off with a license to marry Miss Loyd. They met at the court-house door, and, after some talk, agreed that the first man who reached the lady's house should marry her. The residence of Col. Loyd was one mile distant, and both men started on the race for the bride. Bibb soon quit the main road and dashed into the woods, expecting to make a short cut and reach the house first, but Miller kept the road and got in on the homestretch eight minutes before his rival. The men were in sight of each other going up the lane to the house.

Bibb's efforts to overtake his rival was almost superhuman. When they reached the house, Bibb, from sheer exhaustion, fainted in the porch, falling almost at the feet of his lady love. When the situation was explained to her, she said she had come to the conclusion that she loved Mr. Bibb the best, and therefore she would marry him. Her sympathies were won over by seeing him faint. She said she believed that both loved her, but that he who faints at the danger of losing a bride must love her more than he who is cool and unconcerned in the midst of it all. Rev. Aaron Jasper, the well-known Baptist minister, married Mr. Bibb and Miss Loyd."

New Bankrupt Law.

The sub-committee of the House Judiciary committee has reported to the full committee a bill to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States. It is very probable that the bill will be adopted by the committee. Some of its provisions are interesting, and are thought to obviate the chief objection to the old law. The registers are to be paid by the Government and the clerks by fees, which, however, are simplified, diminished and consolidated, while they do most of the work formerly done by marshals. There are to be supervisors in each district to oversee the settlement of estates. The duties of such officers will be similar to those of a bank examiner. The amount of property exempted is made substantially uniform for all traders throughout the country. It is claimed under the bill that the honest debtor will obtain his discharge more readily and at less expenses than under the old law.—Washington Post.

Religious Maniacs.

A special despatch to the Courier-Journal from Clarksville, Kentucky, says: "Considerable excitement was caused yesterday by the lodgment in jail of Dan Lyle (colored), his wife, and a negro woman named Susan Talley. Lyle and his wife have recently become perfect monomaniacs upon religious subjects. He has asserted that he was the Saviour, his wife the Virgin Mary, and Susan Talley, who lives with them, a prophetess. Yesterday constables Romely and Saunders procured a warrant for his arrest upon a charge of disturbing public worship, and went to his house to execute the same. Lyle resisted furiously and assaulted Constable Saunders with an axe. Constable Romely fired three shots at Lyle, one of which took effect in his right breast and the other two in the groin. Upon entering the house the officers smelt putrid flesh, and on making search found two of Lyle's children aged respectively three and five years, dead, with their necks broken. The impression is that the murder was instigated by the Virgin Mary and the prophetess, who have both wielded strong influence over Lyle, and that he did the killing to relieve the women of the care of children, believing that for the occasion he was Herod. Lyle's wounds are very painful, but are not considered mortal.

Brutal Prize-Fight.

A Scranton (Pa.) special gives the particulars of the prize-fight which recently took place near that city between Dave Richards and Tom Thomas, and was witnessed by about one thousand spectators, including members of the police, the heights around being black with men and boys. Richards is 28 years old, and 150 pounds weight; Thomas 24 years and weight 140 pounds. Twenty-seven rounds were fought, the spectators cheering lustily. The third round was fiercely fought, and ended in both falling heavily to the ground, pummelling each other vigorously, and where they lay until picked up by their seconds. Their faces were badly disfigured on coming to the scratch for the next round. At this stage the wife of Richardson appeared upon the scene with her sleeves rolled high up on her arm, and breaking through the crowd, forced her way into the ring and exclaimed, "Go for him, Dave, my boy." The result of these encouraging words was that Dave's antagonist fell, with the blood gushing from his mouth. At the end of the 27th round the combatants, who were scarcely able to stand, were separated by their friends in the crowd. Richards appeared to have the best of it, although it was declared a drawn battle, and to be fought out again at an early date. The stakes were said to be $100 a side.

Farmer's Alphabet.

A farmer should sow his P's, keep his U's warm, hive his B's, kill off his J's, remember what he C's, teach his wife not to T's, pay what he O's, and then he can take his E's if he is Y's.

Miners Massacred.

A telegram from Denver, Colorado, says it is reported that a party of twenty-five miners invaded the Ute reservation in the vicinity of Gunnison river, a few days ago, and after crossing the line were attacked by the Indians. Twelve of the miners were killed, and it is feared the remainder were killed or captured. Prospectors are pouring into the Ute country from all directions.

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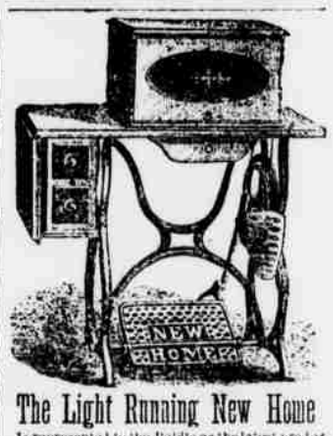

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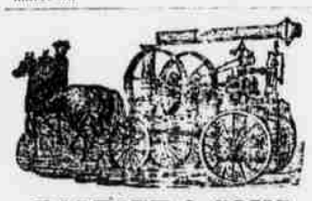

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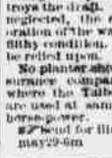

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