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THE PRESS CONVENTION.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association was held last week at the Atlantic Hotel, at Morehead City, and was a most enjoyable occasion. There were about fifty editors in attendance, representing every portion of the State, from Asheville to Elizabeth City, and the proceedings were unusually interesting. The general public would not be interested in reading the business proceedings of the convention and therefore we will not weary our readers with them. In behalf of the authorities and citizens of Morehead Mr. Arendell, of that town welcomed the association in an appropriate speech which was kindly responded to by the editor of the Review, at the request of the president. On Friday the ladies and other visitors at the Atlantic Hotel attended the session of the association to hear the poem written for the occasion by Mr. H. C. Wall, of the Rockingham Rocket, and a memoir of Capt. R. A. Shewell prepared by Mr. Josephus Daniels of the State Chronicle. The poem was heard with the closest attention, its subject being "Intermission," and it reflected the greatest credit upon both the head and heart of its author. Would that our State had more such men as H. C. Wall! The 23rd of Capt. Shewell by Mr. Daniels was alike dedicated to the subject and to the writer, two journalists, of whom North Carolina may well feel proud. There were several subjects discussed that were of special and practical interest to the external profession, such as the Cash and Credit System, "Advertising Agencies," &c. There were other matters discussed that were of general interest, the most important of which was the proposed establishment of an industrial school, which received the hearty and unanimous endorsement of the association. A resolution was unanimously adopted endorsing and encouraging the proposed meeting of Northern writers to be held at the State fair. The speeches made on every topic of discussion were very interesting, many of them eloquent—and proved that some editors could speak as well as they could write. And we are especially pleased to note the courtesy that was observed by everyone, without a single exception. While the members differed in their views upon the subjects discussed, and at times ad vocated their opinions warmly, yet there was not one word uttered that could offend or be construed as a disservice to any member of the association. This can be said of the meetings of very few bodies even of a religious character.

The effects selected for the next meeting are James L. McFee, of the News and Observer, president; T. B. Eldridge, of the Lexington Dispatch; H. C. Wan, of the Rockingham Rocket, and G. A. Frank, of the Shelby Evening Post; presidents; J. H. Lindsay, of the Kennewick News; secretary; J. D. Kennerly, of the Advance Courier; assistant secretary; Jordan Stone, of the Asheville Citizen, historian; Rev. P. B. Law, of Monticello; and W. W. McDowell, C. B. Green, Josephus Daniels, Thad B. Manning, and Jordan Stone, executive committee. The next meeting of the association will be held at such time and place as the executive committee may hereafter designate. On Saturday morning the members, with a few exceptions, started on an excursion to Wanchese City where they doubtless had a most enjoyable visit. We regret that other important engagements prevented our accompanying them on this pleasant excursion.

It was the pleasure of the members of the association, while at Morehead, to be the guests of the proprietors of

THE ATLANTIC HOTEL, which is now very justly considered the most pleasant and attractive sea-side resort south of Old Point Comfort. Its management is now in new hands, the present proprietors being Messrs. Cook & Foster Brothers, who are not only "ever fellows" but who also "know how to keep a hotel." They have not only the tact and business qualifications for keeping a hotel, but also the courtesy and considerate attention with which a polished gentleman treats his guests. The attractions that this place offers to the pleasure seeker are many and varied. The beach affords its peculiar attractions to those who delight in sunbathing and in buffeting the breakers that roll on old ocean's bosom with so majestic a sweep, while the bath houses in the sound are the resort of the more timid, who prefer the more quiet attractions of still-bath-

ing. One of the most exhilarating pleasures to be enjoyed there, or indeed anywhere, is sailing in one of those many white-winged "sharps" that fairly skim over the waters. A drive behind the fast-trotter cannot be compared to the pleasurable emotions experienced when speed ing over the waters in one of these boats. If you don't believe it, just try it. If you are fond of good eating and who is not? go to the Atlantic Hotel and eat just one meal, and you will feel fully repaid for your whole journey. In addition to beef, mutton, chickens, &c., the boast of our mountain hotels, you will enjoy also all the appetizing delicacies of the sea, such as Spanish mackerel, blue fish, trout, pig-fish, oysters, crabs, shrimps, &c., &c., and all cooked in the best style of the culinary art.

The hotel building is very commodious and conveniently arranged. Every bedroom is neatly furnished, and is supplied with all the modern conveniences. There are altogether 210 rooms, which can accommodate 750 guests. The ball room is an especially attractive feature, being 100 feet square, with a gallery on each side. Delightful music is furnished by Wurms' celebrated orchestra from Atlanta. All day and night refreshing breezes invigorate the languid and will soothe to sleep the most nervous or sleep-mishandled by these mosquitoes or dust.

With such attractions as at any wonder that the Atlantic Hotel is a popular resort? Already visitors are there from Cincinnati, Memphis, Atlanta, and other large cities, and the next month nearly every room has been engaged. North Carolinians may well feel proud that their State offers so pleasant a summer resort to citizens, and the citizens of no sister States, as the Atlantic Hotel.

The session will not be modified at the present session of congress. On last Thursday a motion to take up the Morrison tariff bill for consideration was defeated by a vote of 116 to 157 nays. Of those who voted in the affirmative 130 were democrats and 4 were republicans, while the negative vote was cast by 124 republicans and 33 democrats. It is to be noted that this vote was not upon the passage of the bill, but merely on a motion to consider it, and the republicans actually voted against allowing it to be considered or discussed, a bill to modify the existing tariff laws that are so on equal and just. This should be kept constantly before the people in the coming campaign, and North Carolinians should remember that the only Representative from this State who voted against it was O'Hanlon, the colored republican.

Organization is essential to the success of any political party, and hence it is necessary for democrats to serve their party organization if they wish to retain the ascendancy in this State. We publish in another column the rules prescribed by the State committee for the government of the party in the coming campaign, and they are the same as those which were presented in the last two campaigns. They will be of especial interest to all who expect to participate in any of the party's conventions this summer, and ought to be filed away for future reference.

Storm in Texas.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 20.—Angry clouds were observed in the north at 8:30 o'clock last night and it was evident that a storm was going to that direction, but nothing definite could be learned, as all the telegraph wires leading out of the city refused to work. Passengers on the incoming train, however, report that the storm burst in great fury over Georgetown, a prosperous village of some 3,000 inhabitants, thirty miles north of here, doing great damage to buildings and endangering lives, although none were lost. Three miles from town a farm house was blown down and one of the occupants, Wm. Higgins, was seriously injured. Corolla, a small country village, was badly damaged and several persons were fatally injured, among them a lady whose skull fractured and a girl whose spine was broken. At Gadsden, the large tin roof of the dry goods house of Lowe & Scott's was torn off and the stock greatly damaged by water. The residence of Mr. Clark was badly damaged. A barn belonging to Mr. Moore was picked up and carried by the wind 150 feet and demolished. The Methodist Church and parsonage were unroofed. The spire of the Northern Presbyterian Church was blown off and the large bell dashed to the ground and broken into fragments. Many other buildings were damaged. A large two-story mill ten miles from Georgetown was destroyed. Half accompanied the storm and did great damage to crop. At Taylor, on the International Railway, the storm destroyed many houses but full particulars cannot be obtained.

Miss Tabitha A. Holton, the first and only female lawyer in this State, and perhaps in the South, died at Yadkinville on the 11th inst.

Our Washington Letter.

(From our regular correspondent.)

Washington, June 19, 1886.

The convention of Horticulturists with three hundred delegates representing every state in the Union, is in session here now; the long strike is over and work has been resumed; a Building Fund has been commenced for several days; and Congress, despite the warm weather, is bravely working and voting and wasting time as usual. But these matters sound prosy as compared with the great social event of the week.

The official world of the Capital is charmed with the new mistress of the White House. She won them hearts at her first reception on Tuesday evening, and her reputation as a beautiful, dignified and charming hostess is established forever. Expressions of admiration over her beauty were on every lip. The Russian Minister, Baron de Struve, was found to declare that he would go back to Europe and tell the people that he had seen the handsomest woman after the wife of the President of the United States.

Mrs. Cleveland was entirely self possessed, and went through the trying ordeal of being stared at by hundreds of the most critical people in Washington society without seeming nervousness or excitement. Well known society women, touched one another and exchanged expressive looks as they realized the presence in the White House of one of the prettiest women ever seen in that position.

The old session probably never presented a more brilliant spectacle on this occasion. Its interior was a bower of flowers and plants, tropical in their magnificence. But the impatient crowd was indifferent to the decorations, as well as to the fact that a veritable South American Prince was to be guest that evening. It was longing to stare at the white royal bride, and when she appeared, in the next minute nearly every room had been engaged. North Carolinians may well feel proud that their State offers so pleasant a summer resort to citizens, and the citizens of no sister States, as the Atlantic Hotel.

The old session was distinguished by a number of bills, and the wife were in full dress of ivory with its long flowing train of green silk.

She earned a fan of white satinet, which she wielded with energy as soon as grew warmer, while the President, flushed, his dripping brow with a large emblazon banner.

It was remarked that the

President never looked so happy as when he was in the White House.

The guests seated at tables

all who are identified with the

capital, and to name them would be an endless task.

The prospect of an early adjournment of Congress grows less with each day, and members of both major parties assert that the middle of August will find them still here.

The members of the House of Representatives, doubt quite unanimous in regard to the prospects of an adjournment of the new session, are agreed in regard to the

expenses of the new session.

Mr. Blaine, who claims to have gone to the session with the intent

of assuring the country that

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Democratic Organization.

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL EX. CO.,

Raleigh, N. C., June 16, 1886.

The following is the plan of organization heretofore adopted by the State Democratic committee for the guidance of the party:

TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONS.

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

2. The several township executive committees shall convene at the meetings of the several county conventions, or at any time and place that a majority of them may elect, and shall elect a county executive committee to consist of not less than five members, one of whom shall be designated as chairman.

3. The county executive committee shall be entitled to call any county convention by giving at least ten days notice by public advertisement in three public places in each township, at the court house door, and in any Democratic newspaper that may be published in said county, requesting all Democratic members of the county to meet in convention in their respective townships, on a common day the established when said county convention is to be held, and to give the names of the county executive committee.

4. The county executive committee shall call an ordinary county convention by giving at least ten days notice by public advertisement in three public places in each township, at the court house door, and in any Democratic newspaper that may be published in said county, requesting all Democratic members of the county to meet in convention in their respective townships, on a common day the established when said county convention is to be held, and to give the names of the county executive committee.

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