

THE NEXT dodge of the republicans to carry North Carolina is foreshadowed in the last issue of the Raleigh Signal, the leading republican paper in this State.

"In order to make a successful fight in November, 1890, the Republicans must espouse the cause of Prohibition as a State measure, and an amendment to the State Constitution to this effect must be advocated by the Republicans in their campaign two years hence, and an aggressive fight made for this great moral reform.

This is about the "checkered" proposition in politics that we have heard of in a long time. It reminds us very forcibly of the old fable of the spider and the fly. It is like a hungry wolf offering to protect a lamb of sheep!

In the political campaign of 1882 the republican party in this State came very near carrying the election, because its papers and speakers tried to make the people believe that the democratic party was responsible for the attempt, in 1881, to adopt the proposed amendment to our State constitution, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors.

So persistently did the republicans make this charge upon the democratic party, that many anti-prohibition democrats believed it to be true, and voted with the republicans against the democratic candidates.

The liquor dealers association held a State convention at Raleigh, in June, 1882, and nominated as their candidate for Congressman at large Hon. Oliver H. Dockery, and the republican State convention, held shortly thereafter, endorsed this nomination, and made common cause with the liquor dealers association against the democrats and their candidate, Judge Bennett.

All this is too recent history to be thus early forgotten. Everybody remembers that, in that campaign, the republicans denounced Prohibition and the prohibitionists in the severest terms, and did then attempt to defeat the democrats by the aid of the liquor dealers and anti-prohibitionists. And now it is gravely proposed to attempt, in the next campaign, to defeat the democrats with the aid of the prohibitionists! Well, did you ever?

DURHAM in its recent financial crisis has deserved more than ever the title of the "magical city" of North Carolina, and that which seemed a dreadful disaster may eventually prove a blessing in disguise.

On Thursday of last week it was announced that the Bank of Durham had closed its doors, its proprietors, Col. W. T. Blackwell, having made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. It was also announced on the same day that assignments had also been made by Capt. E. F. Parrish, James W. Blackwell, W. F. Ellis, Muse & Shaw, John L. Markham and Robbins & Stone.

The liabilities of them all were estimated at from one million to a million and a half dollars. Such a financial crash coming upon a town only a few years old, it might naturally be supposed, would have created an intense panic among its citizens, and indeed given it a death blow. But not so. That is not the stuff out of which Durham's citizens are made, nor is Durham a town whose growth and prosperity can be so easily checked.

Although there are three other banks in Durham, yet so great is the confidence of its citizens in them that there was no "run" whatever upon them, that is, no depositors attempted to withdraw their funds from them. Notwithstanding such unexpected and heavy failures there was apparently no interruption of business. Parrish's warehouse remained open and continued business just as before, and every day since has been crowded with customers.

We are pleased to learn that Col. Blackwell, Capt. Parrish, and nearly all who made assignments, will be able to pay every dollar that they owe, and that nobody will lose by them. The cause of Col. Blackwell's failure was a temporary scarcity of ready cash, and his assignment forced the others. No one who knows either Col. Blackwell or Capt. Parrish can doubt but that they will both soon recover from this temporary disaster, and continue to build up North Carolina's most enterprising and prosperous city.

THE LEGISLATURE is overwhelmingly democratic in both branches. The latest returns show that in the Senate there will be 37 democrats and 13 republicans; and in the House 85 democrats and 35 republicans. This is certainly a very complete victory, especially when the republicans made a "dead set" for the Legislature, as one of their leaders admitted.

THE ANNUAL session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention was held at Greensboro last week, beginning on Wednesday and ending on Sunday night. It is said to have been one of the pleasant and most successful ever held in this State. The reports of the various boards were of a most encouraging character, and showed that this great denomination of Christians had made great progress during the past year. The finances, notwithstanding the hard times, were in a good condition, the contributions to the different objects of the convention having amounted to about \$28,000. A resolution was adopted recommending that \$50,000 additional endowment for Wake Forest College be raised as early a day as possible. Steps were also taken looking to the establishment of a North Carolina Baptist Female College, and we predict that it will not be many years before this is accomplished.

The next session of the convention will be held at Henderson.

THE CONGRESS, to which Representatives were recently elected, will not convene until the first Monday in December, 1889, unless sooner called together by the President in special session. Many persons erroneously think that the Representatives elected on the 6th inst. will take their seats in Congress on the first Monday of next month. We think this ought to be so, because the Representatives of the people ought to come fresh from their terms, to begin their term of office soon after their election.

Unjust Prejudice Against Lawyers.

There is a very unjust and indefensible prejudice in North Carolina against the lawyers. We do not stop to trace the cause of this antipathy, but it exists.

The real cause made in this State has been by lawyers and much good was done by their united labors. We cannot undertake to enumerate them, but they are so many. Many gentlemen made two or a half dozen speeches in their sections who were not candidates for lawyers. In a word the canvass was made through out the State almost entirely by lawyers.

There was never any sense in the prejudice against the legal gentlemen. The Star is a people's paper as all who know who have taken the pains to read it carefully for some time. It stands by the interests of the people always. It therefore, thinks it is doing the people good in trying to remove an unjust prejudice against a class. The lawyers of every age have usually been the staunch friends of the liberties of the people. An examination of English and American history will reveal to the student the fact that the noblest and boldest of the defenders of civil and religious liberty have been the lawyers of the two countries. Patriotism is partial to no calling or profession, but is common to all classes of Englishmen and Americans. But there have been no traitors, no deserters, no sneaking patriots, that those who have been known as lawyers.

An upright, honorable, faithful, well equipped lawyer is a necessity in every town or community. They are generally the only persons who are well qualified to draw wills and exact judgments laws. A Legislature without a lawyer in it would be a blunder from day to day and unless they could employ outside help their laws for the most part would be extremely defective. We would not be surprised if the next Legislature did not feel the need of good legal talent before it got through with its labors. A man is not to be preferred for office because he is a lawyer, and he ought not to be excluded for the same insufficient reason.

West Virginia's Vote.

The official returns from West Virginia are sufficiently ascertained to warrant the announcement of the election of Judge A. B. Fleming, the Democratic candidate for Governor, by a small but sure majority; the rest of the State ticket being elected by larger majorities. The legislature will stand on joint ballot forty-six democrats, forty-four republicans and one labor union independent. The democratic Presidential ticket is elected by about 1,000 majority. The republicans concentrated all their efforts and resources in the personal contest of Gen. Goff for Governor and to secure a majority in the legislature, in which event he would have been elected to the United States Senate. Therefore the close contest in West Virginia has been upon the Governor and legislative tickets. So makes formal announcement Mr. T. S. Riley, chairman Democratic State committee.

Early Snows.

CHREBELAND, Md., Nov. 19.—Two inches of snow fell here last night. A heavy storm is reported on the mountains.

NEWTON, Va., Nov. 19.—Snow fell in this vicinity last night to the depth of two inches, followed by sleet and a drizzling rain.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Dispatches from points in northern Illinois, Indiana and Eastern Iowa report the first heavy fall of snow of the season last evening.

A lady and her father were fatally burned in Conn. church last Monday, from the lady's clothing taking fire from a parlor match; two sons were also badly burned.

Vote for Governor.

The following is the official vote of North Carolina, by counties, for Governor in 1888, and for Governor in 1888:

Table with columns: COUNTY, Vote for 1888, Vote for 1888, Vote for 1888, Vote for 1888. Lists counties like Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Gates, Graham, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Hertford, Hyde, Iredell, Jackson, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Lincoln, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Martin, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perdue, Person, Pitt, Polk, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Watauga, Wayne, Wilkes, Wilson, Yadon, Yancey.

Our New York Letter.

New York, Nov. 17, 1888.

A cute little political story comes from California this morning. It is in the shape of a paper dispatch from Boss Quay to Chairman Folger, advising him of the exact importance of seeing that every Congressman in the Golden State is represented at Washington by a Republican. This, the dispatch goes on to state, is essential to Republican control of the House.

Here indeed is a very faithful echo of the keynote of the late Presidential Campaign. Nothing could more fully indicate the times upon which the battle was fought. The Republic has needed a certain number of wins in California; they must have them. And they did have them, by the very skin of their teeth—though it took millions of dollars to do it.

The New York Democrat declares that it was Kings County, that Boss McLaughlin and a few of his henchmen, who carried the party vote to democracy. Mr. McLaughlin says he didn't say it, but he's going to look around and find out if he can find any one else who has done it. He says that he will do it, and that he will do it, and that he will do it.

The Michigan has made himself rather unpopular since the votes were counted, but what there is of him, true to his instincts, is extremely so. He knows all about the case. If he had not had the follow-up, he would have been a very different man. He has been a very different man, and he has been a very different man.

The clean sweep of Tennessee Hall, with its very many members of a very many different parties, is a very different man. He has been a very different man, and he has been a very different man.

The spirit of the South is national. The race question it must be permitted to settle for itself. But there is no other Southern question that is not also a Northern and a Western question. The Southern people are open to appeals to their patriotism, and their interests. They can be divided politically on the race question as soon as the Republican leaders make it safe for them to separate. There are plain indications that this is to be the new policy of the party that will return to power in March.

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Our Washington Letter.

Washington, Nov. 16, 1888.

Mr. Cleveland's last annual message to Congress is looked forward to with much interest here. I am informed by a gentleman who knows that it will be a very short document and that it will reiterate the main points of his celebrated tariff message of last December.

Secretary Fairchild has found it necessary, owing to the impudence of the jobbers, to hold over Republican clerks in the Treasury Department, to issue an order forbidding the clerks in that Department talking politics.

The Republicans in the Department here who have been the loudest shouters for a non-partisan civil service under the present administration, are now vigorously clamoring for a "clean sweep" after the 4th of March. Such is the price of keeping these fellows in office, years after they should have been discharged. When the Democratic party gets control of the Government again it will know better.

Palley and Quay have come to Washington in order that they may negotiate the scheme whereby they hope to secure control of the next House of Representatives for the Republicans, notwithstanding the fact that the returns show a Democratic majority of two. The Democratic majority are fully alive to the situation, and are fully confident of their ability to thwart the republican scheme and to organize the next House.

The Treasury has been robbed! It was the startling announcement a few mornings ago. Investigation was not for a while with the amount stolen, but it was soon ascertained to be only 1500 silver dollars, which had been obtained by some means from two boxes containing \$2,000 each, some when left on the U. S. mail at New Orleans and the Treasury in this city. Gold was substituted for the stolen silver. When it was found the theft was made so mysterious.

The U. S. Supreme Court rendered an important decision this week in respect to life insurance policies. The Court holds that a policy made payable to a wife or child, can under no circumstances be attached by the creditors of the deceased.

Senator Kenyon of West Virginia has proposed that the Legislature of that State, as a certain Democratic measure, which he thinks a Democratic measure, should be passed during the session of the coming session. It is not a matter that the Republicans of the State will be likely to pass.

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