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THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

The republican party is supposed to be the party of freedom and equal rights. It was organized about the year 1854 and one of its principal objects was the abolition of slavery. When it came in power in 1861 slavery soon fell and the Negro became a free-man, a voter and almost a citizen. All that we have to-day was given us by the republican party and it had to fight the democratic party back from every inch of the ground.

But is the republican party of today the same as that of 1865—70? Has it not surrendered many of its most essential principles for policy? We fear it has. Young Republicans of today will not dare and fight and die as their fathers did years ago for a cause because it is right. Yet the Republican party is still nearer the right than the Democratic party. The leaders of the party should go back and take the steps of Lincoln, Sumner, Wilson and others who were with Greely and Garrison and Beecher and Phillips and Douglass, thirty years ago. Those principles won then and why will they not stand now? The Republican party in North Carolina, has suffered on account of traitors in the ranks. Men have come in the party for loaves and fishes and have injured the party. Some of our leaders have always been too ready to take men in the ranks of the party who were unwilling to come in the file. If the principles of the party are right, let it grow and make itself. It has no need to make men. When a man cannot come in the party without office the party is better off without him. It is a blessed thing now that the party has no loaves to offer, and must go in the field as the aggressors. The Republicans of North Carolina will show its strength in 1888 if properly managed. The consolidation of the two committees last week signifies much. The Democrats of the State, are already nearly scared out of their boots. The democratic members of Congress from North Carolina are standing as it were straddling the Potomac, holding on to Mr. Cleveland with one hand and their party with the other, for they have discovered that there is a great difference. Gov. Vance is about the only one with manhood enough to stand by his own convictions.

All we want is unity in our own ranks and success will be ours in 1888. One thing most necessary to give us harmony and union is a proper recognition of the colored man by the party leaders. First, our newspaper must be recognized; second, the men of character and standing among us must be recognized instead of pimps and hirings; then we must have as leaders in our conventions and candidates on our tickets, men known to be republicans from principle and not place hunters. When the colored press and people are satisfied on these points, they will assure the leaders united and full support from the *Outlook* in the centre, the *Bulletin* in the east, the *Star* in the west and the *Messenger* in the southwest, backed by the colored newspaper readers in the State.

SOME THINGS WE SAW.

On Tuesday night of last week we left home for Raleigh, to see our subscribers there and to see the two Republican committees which were to meet there on Wednesday. We saw many of our subscribers and several of them paid up. The committee had a harmonious meeting, united, and called a convention to meet on the 23rd of next May.

We visited St. Augustine Normal school and found everything working smoothly and a good attendance. It was our pleasure to meet

Prof. Noble, Heritage and Miss Thomas. These persons are fine scholars and experienced teachers. This school is run by the Episcopal church and is doing good work, large school buildings—one brick and one frame, also a large tract of land.

Shaw University was mentioned in our last. This school is run by the Baptist and has the same number of school buildings as Livingstone College—four. Members of other churches attend each of these schools.

We spent a minute in the new graded school building. We have spoken of the excellent workings of this school before.

We stopped in Durham and observed the thrift and progress of this little town. While it has water-works, street cars, electric lights and the highest rents, it is much smaller than our city. The N. C. road is the only railroad passing through here now but one other is graded and several others proposed to lead out from the town. It is the great tobacco manufacturing city and the leading tobacco market in the State. The last wine room and barroom was closed the day before we closed the day before we arrived there and the town was entering upon prohibition. Aside from this, we saw nothing to encourage a colored person to live in Durham. It seems to be a hard place for colored people to live; there is so much prejudice among the laboring classes. There are a few colored persons here doing well; some have made money, as is the case almost everywhere. Mr. Fitzgerald owns well up in the thousands. Mr. Wash Gorrell and others are doing well.

Mr. W. G. Pearson is principal of a school in the eastern part of the town. They have just started a graded school this year for the colored people with four teachers. Mr. Jas. A. Whitted is principal; Mr. C. N. Hunter, Rev. W. T. H. Woodward and Mrs. Hunter has the beginners and is well up in the latest methods of teaching the little ones. She seems at home and the little ones seemed to study and recite with pleasure. We regret to learn the teachers are poorly paid, but they hope for better.

At Salisbury we found Livingstone College, the State Normal and the graded school all, more prosperous than ever before. Livingstone has 165 students the Normal 74 and the graded school full. Prof. Simpson of the Normal is already the favorite of the students and the patrons. The school is prospering more than the most sanguine hoped for. Miss Bridgers is doing a good work both in and outside of the school room.

We were the guest of Mr. W. E. Henderson and Prof. J. F. K. Simpson while in Salisbury. Henderson & Bros are getting in their Christmas goods and they actually sell confectionaries cheaper than the largest houses in Charlotte. They will be well patronized. Profs Simpson and Battle, speak of spending Christmas with us.

* Statesville is the same old town, standing almost in the same place. It must be about finished as we see hardly any more new buildings going up. Mrs. Anna Robinson is teaching the public school and Mr. Alexander is teaching the Presbyterian school.

TO THE PREACHERS.

We have been sending this paper to preachers for one dollar a year, but will do so no longer than the first of January, 1888. All wanting to get the advantage of these terms must subscribe and settle up before the last of December. Every preacher should read some other paper besides his church paper, and the *Messenger* is the best he can get. Send us a dollar at once, and get this paper for twelve months.

Republican State Convention.

The undersigned Executive Committee call a State Convention of the Republican party of North Carolina, to be held in Raleigh on Wednesday, the 23d day of May, 1888, for the purpose of electing four delegates and four alternates to the National Republican Convention, to be held at Chicago, on the 19th day of June, 1888, and for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor and other State officers and three candi-

dates for Supreme Court Judges, to select a State Committee and for the transaction of such other business as may be deemed proper in the judgment of the convention.

Each county is entitled as delegates in said convention to twice the number of Representatives in the lower House of the General Assembly.

All persons without regard to past political affiliation, who are sympathetic with the principles of the Republican party of this State, are invited and requested to unite with the Republicans under this call in the selection of delegates.

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E. A. WHITE,
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HER LAST VICTORY WON.

Mr. Editor :
There is perhaps no feeling of our nature so vague, so complicated, so mysterious as that with which we look upon the cold remains of one who is so clear. Mrs. Emma Line Murry, sister to Mrs. F. C. Caney, of Charlotte, N. C., died in her quiet home at Gainesville, Fla., Nov. 22d, 1887. She was in her fortieth year. She was a true Christian and died in the triumphant faith. But how sad to think, that one who has just reached the prime of life, is so soon stricken down. "Whose hopes were angels in their birth." It is a melancholy, though instructive consideration that the tendency of every thing is to decay; that the happiest prospects and the brightest visions of future bliss are but delusive fancies which extinguished when they shine out most vividly, and give the strongest evidence of permanent duration. The dignity with which death invests, even the meanest of him victims inspires us with an awe no living thing can create. The marble features—the powerless hand—the stiffened limbs. Oh! who can contemplate these with feelings that can be defined. Mrs. Murry will undoubtedly be missed but her influence will long linger in the hearts of those who made her acquaintance; but alas! she like all others must be forgotten—as the morning dream or the dew upon the early flower.

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers wither at the North wind's breath,
And stars to set, but all,
Then hast all seasons for thine own O death."

He last battle is fought and her last victory won. She is contented. After life's fitful fever she sleeps well. So may the Eternal Father give solace to the bereaved family.

Yours, L. J. MELTON.

Presiding Elder's Appointments.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.—1st Round.
Little Rock—December 1-4.
Rockwell and Jonesville—Dec. 9-11.

Torrence Chapel—December 16-18.
Biddle—December 23-25.

Moore's Sanctuary—Dec. 30-Jan. 1.

Clinton Chapel—January 5-9.

China Grove—January 13-6.

Pineville—January 20-23.

Grace Church—January 26-29.

Henryville—February 3-6.

Trinity—February 10-13.

Kings Mountain—February 17-20.

Monroe—February 24-26.

Redding Spring—March 2-5.

Rock Hill—March 9-11.

Matthews—March 16-19.

Mowing Glade—March 24-27.

R. S. RIVES, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.—1st Round.

Fayetteville—December 8-11.

Manchester—December 17-18.

Jonesboro—December 31-January 1.

Lillington—January 7-8.

Oak Grove—January 14-15.

Haywood—January 21-22.

Johnstonville—January 21-22.

Glover's Grove—January 28-29.

Gee's Grove—February 4-5.

Egypt—February 11-12.

Carthage—February 18-19.

New Zion—February 25-26.

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