

OUR CHURCHES.

St. Michael's (P. E.) Church, Mint St. Services at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 4 p. m. Rev. P. P. Alston, pastor.

The Next Election.

While the minds of our people is being absorbed in the Presidential campaign, it may be well to remind our city people that we are to have an election here in June.

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LOCAL.

If this paragraph in your paper has a blue mark, your paper will be stopped. Please pay up so we can continue the paper to you.

The churches are preparing for a grand time here Easter Sunday.

Please send in your subscription, and get your neighbor to send also.

We are compelled to continue to travel and neglect our local department.

Prof. A. W. Whitfield, left Fayetteville last Wednesday for Asheville, where he will probably remain two or three months.

We are informed that about twenty colored people left here last Tuesday for California, with Revs. Petty and Waugh and Mr. Williams.

Mr. John L. Elms, formerly of this city, spent last week with his friends here. He is now one of the publishers of the Negro World in Knoxville, Tenn.

The executive committee of the 3d Congressional District met in Fayetteville on Wednesday and called a convention to meet in Goldsboro on the 2d of May to select two delegates and two alternates to attend the Chicago convention.

A subscriber to the MESSENGER at Fayetteville, N. C., has been going and sending to the office every week for this paper, and after our appearance there, they went to the office and got nine copies at once.

Corrections.

We stated last week that Mr. Friday left one child; we should have said: five children. Drayton was mentioned as a leading republican; it should have been Creighton.

Dollar for Dollar.

Some persons in sending us money, take out of the amount the postage and registering fee. Persons must pay their own postage and fees.

Colored Orphans.

Rev. W. A. Pattillo is the superintendent of the colored Orphan Asylum at Oxford, N. C. He has sent out a circular letter to the colored churches of the State, asking each to take a collection on the 3d Sunday in April next, to aid in supporting the school which is now in operation with thirteen children and other applications.

This is a laudible work that should have the assistance of every church of every denomination and every individual. It is hoped that all of our people will take hold of the work and

do all they can and send money, clothing, or provisions to Rev. W. A. Pattillo, Oxford, N. C.

AN EXPRESS AGENT'S CONFESSION.

His Scheme for Making Himself Solid With the Company—Funny Incidents.

"If you won't give me away," said a middle aged man whom we will call Brown, because Brown is not his name, "I will tell you a little trick I once played on an express company, for which I was running as a messenger on a train not far from here.

"I walked awhile, intending that if anybody was attracted by the noise to say I had locked myself out and had dropped my key off the train. But nobody came. Then I closed the door and quickly fired several shots from an old pepper box pistol which I had loaded not very heavily.

"Well, sir, it worked like a charm. The next morning the papers had long accounts of it, and they all praised me highly for keeping the robbers away from the money chest. I was the lion of the hour.

"There were two funny things about that case. One was that the agent at the station we had just passed said he saw two hard looking characters around the station just before the train came in and never saw them again, while the conductor said no such persons boarded the train as legitimate passengers.

After a number of tricks, too familiar to justify mentioning here, the conjurer covers his head with a cloth for a minute, and then reappears with brass eyeballs, with a small hole bored in the center of each to represent the pupils; and his mouth is rendered hideous with a set of teeth belonging to some animal.

Wilkie Collins at Home. Wilkie Collins lives in a pleasant, substantial house in Gloucester place, Portman square, London. He suffers much from nervous prostration and gout in the eyes; but, notwithstanding this, the commands of his physician and the advice of his friends, he will persist in weaving the wild, weird stories so favorable to the production of goose flesh in the British public.

Hybridizing the Potato. An attempt to infuse new vigor into the degenerating potato by crossing the cultivated varieties with the wild plant has been for two or three seasons in progress at Reading, England, and has proven very successful thus far.

Cause of Color Blindness. Prof. W. Ramsay suggests that color blindness is probably a defect of the brain instead of the eye. It is analogous to the dullness which prevents a person from distinguishing an octave's difference between two musical notes, though both notes are heard, there being no deafness.—Arkansas Traveler.

One Good Way. An exchange has an article headed, "How to Make a Japanese Fan." One good way would be to dress a Japanese in a buffalo robe, put a mustard plaster on his scalp, and then stand him over the register.—Somerville Journal.

REPUBLICAN PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

Rules and Regulations for the Organization of the Republican Party of North Carolina as Amended and Adopted at the State Convention held in Raleigh, North Carolina, September 23d, 1886.

First. County organization.—The election precinct shall be the unit of county organization. Each precinct shall have an executive committee consisting of three active Republicans. They shall be biennially chosen by the Republican voters of the precinct, and shall elect one of the number chairman. They shall convene together at such time and place as the majority of them may elect.

2d. Congressional, judicial and senatorial district committees, composed of no less than one member from each county, nor less than seven members, biennially elected by the several district conventions, each of whom shall elect a chairman from their number; Provided, that a senatorial committee shall only be elected in districts embracing more than one county.

3d. As amended by the Republican State convention:—There shall be a State executive committee composed of one member from each congressional district in the State, to be designated by the district delegations at State convention assembled, five members at large, to be elected by the State convention and the chairman of the convention at which the election is held, and said committee are required to call a State convention of the Republican party at least sixty days prior to every election for members of the General Assembly, and oftener if necessary in the interest of the party.

4th. The chairman of the respective county, district and State executive committees shall call their conventions to order and act as temporary chairman, until a permanent organization is effected, with power only to appoint, and receive the report of a committee on credentials.

5th. No executive committee shall have power to elect or appoint delegates to any convention, whether county, district, State or National.

6th. No member of an executive committee or delegate or alternates duly chosen shall have power to delegate his trust or authority to another.

7th. As amended by the Republican State convention: Each county in convention assembled may adopt such plans as it may deem best for the election of delegates from its different townships or precincts to the county conventions.

8th. Representatives in congressional, judicial, senatorial and State conventions shall consist of two delegates and two alternates only for every member of the lower house of General Assembly, and shall be apportioned in the several counties accordingly.

9th. Delegates and alternates to the county conventions, shall be elected only by a vote of the Republicans of each precinct in precinct meetings assembled, unless changed as authorized by section VII, and delegates and alternates to the district, and State and National conventions shall be elected by a convention of delegates duly elected and sent by the people for that purpose after the notice and publication of not less than fifteen days of the time, place and purpose of such convention, and not otherwise.

10th. The certificate of the chairman and secretary of the meeting, setting forth the regularity of the primary meeting or convention, and the election of the delegates and alternates thereat, shall be accepted when uncontested, as a good and sufficient credential for such delegates and alternates.

11th. This plan of organization and procedure shall continue in force until changed or abrogated by a subsequent Republican State convention. Adopted in State convention, September 22, 1886.

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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 candidates 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 in sympathy 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.

- J. C. L. HARRIS, V. S. LUSK, J. H. WILLIAMSON, GEO. C. SCURLOCK, R. E. YOUNG, H. E. DAVIS, J. H. HARRIS, A. V. DOCKERY, W. C. COLEMAN, J. J. MOTT, J. R. SMITH, G. W. CANNON, J. H. MONTGOMERY, E. A. WHITE, T. M. ARGO.

Presiding Elder's Appointments.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.—2d Round. Fayetteville station—March 1-4. Beaver Creek—March 10-11. Rock Rose—March 17-18. Love Grove—March 24-25. Norrington and Long Ridge—March 31 and April 1. Chapel Hill—April 7-8. Gunter's Chapel—April 14-15. Mitchell's Chapel and Union—21-22. Thompson's Chapel and New Hope—April 28-29. General Conference May 2d, at New Berne. Mt. Olive—May 19-20. Jones Mission—May 26-27. A. M. BARRETT, P. E. Raleigh N. C.

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.

WADESBORO DISTRICT.—2nd Round. Matthew's Chapel, Richmond Co.—March 24-25, to be held by Elder M. S. Kelt. Gatwood Station, Anson Co.—March 24-25, to be held by Elder L. H. Wyche. Silver Grove, Richmond Co., March 24-25. Gallie, Anson Co.—April 7-8. Rockingham—April 14-15. Zion Chapel, Kyeser Moore Co.—April 21-22. Gooden's Chapel, S. C.—April 28-29. Snow Hill, Richmond Co.—May 5-6. Iland Creek, Montgomery Co.—May 12-13. Harrisville, Stanly Co.—May 19-20. Fair View—May 26-27. W. H. SIMMONS.

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CHANGE OF SCHEDULE. Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 1, 1888.

Table with columns: WESTBOUND TRAINS, STATIONS, No. 1, No. 3, No. 5 & 7, Daily ex. Sunday, Daily ex. Sunday, Tri-weekly. Includes stations like Wilm'gton, Laurin'rg, Hamlet, Charlotte, Lincoln'n, Shelby, Rutherford'n.

Table with columns: EASTBOUND TRAINS, STATIONS, No. 2, No. 4, No. 6 & 8, Daily ex. Sunday, Daily ex. Sunday, Tri-weekly. Includes stations like Rutherford'n, Shelby, Lincoln'n, Charlotte, Hamlet, Laurin'rg, Wilm'gton.

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Table with columns: TRAINS MOVING NORTH, Passenger and Mail, Freight and Passenger. Includes stations like Bannettsville, Maxton, Lenoir, Fayetteville, Sanford, Greensboro, Ararat.

Table with columns: TRAINS MOVING SOUTH, Passenger and Mail, Freight and Passenger. Includes stations like Ararat, Greensboro, Maxton, Sanford, Fayetteville, Lenoir, Maxton, Bannettsville.

FACTORY BRANCH—FREIGHT AND ACCOMMODATION. TRAINS MOVING NORTH. Leave Millboro, 8:00 a. m. 4:00 p. m. Arrive Greensboro, 9:30 5:40. TRAINS MOVING SOUTH. Leave Greensboro, 1:30 p. m. 5:05 p. m. Arrive Millboro, 3:00 5:45.

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