

At this writing the indications all point to a short presidential campaign next year. It is known that the leaders of the Democratic party favor it, and the call for the meeting of the Republican national committee, to be held in Washington on December 10, indicates a determination on the part of the Republican leaders to hold their national convention later than usual.

The Democrats, being the party in power, will probably hold their convention first. There are several reasons why both parties should want to shorten the campaign. The business interests of the country, it is thought, demand that there should be as little disturbance as possible. The division of sentiment in both parties, with the prospect of much dissatisfaction resulting within the parties from both conventions, and the slowness with which issues are developing, give another reason for their wanting to make the contest short and sharp.

It is believed that as soon as the determination in favor of late conventions is announced by the two old parties there will be a national convention called by the silver party, to meet in May or early in June. Both the Democrats and the Republicans prefer that the silver party convention, if there is to be one, should be held before the regular national conventions. If the regular conventions were held early, and a silver convention following them, silver men who had not before, broken with their party might, in their disappointment at the two conventions going against their wishes, go into the independent convention.

Of the latter the prospect is not very bright, for the silverites seem to be bending their energies in another direction. The most prominent of the leaders are less inclined to break with their old party organizations as find develops the hopelessness of their cause, and think by sticking to old party lines they may get some recognition of the claims of silver that will be of some material advantage to the white metal.

At Walnut Cove, Saturday morning, Pink, the 12-year-old son of Mr. S. C. Rison, while returning for a hunt passed through the yard of Mr. Joel Hill, where there was a young negro woman by the name of Brantley work. Young Rison's gun was accidentally discharged, striking her in the shoulder, the lead taking effect in the young woman's head, killing her instantly.

Colonel Breckinridge in the Field. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 25.—A special to the Post from Frankfort says: "Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge, of Lexington, is now under bridge, will make the race for Congress in the seventh district next year. It is said that he has told his friends that he will make the race and that he expects to win."

Our only political rivals, the Republicans, are bound hand and foot by such men as Platt, Quay, and others, under whose direction the recent supposed victories were won. As a result their next Presidential candidate will be the choice of those men and not of the rank and file of the party.

Our next candidate will be the choice of the people and he will be sustained by the people better than Mr. Cleveland has from the fact that through this late election we have buried our political bosses so deep that they will have to stay buried. Our next Democratic President will be the master of the situation, for his party rank and file will sustain him.

The real Democrats of the country find no fault with the present administration, but they realize that it has been unable, from opposition within its own ranks, to meet the possibilities looked for at its inauguration. We all know the reason why. It was because of the treachery of such men as Hill, Gorman, Brice and Blackburn. We mean to nominate and elect a Democratic President in 1896, and "don't you forget it!"

President Kilgo, of Trinity College, was especially invited to deliver one of his admirable lectures before the Y. M. C. A. of the State University, but to his great regret is compelled to decline, owing to the great pressure of his engagements.

Miss Lillie Jamison, of Mooresville, has been appointed to a clerkship in the Charlotte postoffice. She received the position through the civil service

STATE NEWS.

The general offices and the shoe factory of the North Carolina Farmer's alliance are to be located at Hillsboro.

There is a current rumor that the Southern railway desired to buy part of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway so as to run trains between Mt. Airy and Winston.

Miss Mary Wallace, living near Huntersville, Mecklenburg county, died Friday afternoon from blood poisoning, which resulted from having a tooth pulled several days ago.

Bredie L. Duke, of Durham, who about two years ago failed in business and assigned, has borrowed \$125,000 and has added to it his \$50,000 assets, enabling him to settle, and "no will remain."

The afternoon paper at Raleigh commenting on ex-Judge David Schenck's card attacking the Southern railway, says it has been understood that he was about to join the Populists and that this is better understood than ever after his card.

The Durham correspondent of the Raleigh News & Observer says: Col. J. S. Carr today took \$400,000 additional insurance on his life with a New York company, which makes the largest insurance taken by any one person in the world. He also took \$100,000 on Dr. Carr's life.

The Salisbury Herald learns of five brothers who participated in hard fought battles all through the war, and yet are all living today. They are: M. M. James, age 68, of Salisbury; W. D. James, age 62, of Salisbury; A. J. James, age 56, of Richmond, Va.; W. M. James, age 51, of Marion; and R. J. James, age 49, of Richmond.

Republican State Chairman Holton says he is getting information from members of his party regarding fusion on the electoral ticket, and finds nearly all opposed to it. Senator Fritchard at one time warmly favored it. It now appears he has changed his views on this question.

The taxable value of property in this State, on the 1894 valuation, for 1895 taxes, has been made up in the office of the State Auditor, as follows: Value of land, \$115,082,723; town lots, \$43,006,141; total, \$158,088,864. Personal property, \$76,501,087. Railway property, \$24,501,899; Pullman cars, \$31,043; telegraph lines and telephone lines, \$212,025; steamboats and canals, \$289,037. Grand total, \$259,684,419.

A correspondent writes the Elkin Times that W. B. Mathis, of Wilkes, has a pig with six developed feet. He walks on five of them with perfect ease. He has another pig with five and a half feet, the extra feet being attached to one of the fore legs. He has still another pig with four and a half feet, the half foot being joined to the fore leg. These pigs are now several weeks old, all hearty and doing well.

The publications of ex-Judge Schenck's article on the lease of the North Carolina Railroad draws hot fire. The Southern Railway people had some quite sharp things to say of him, and now he replies in kind, charging that the company seeks to crush him, and also that it is guilty of frauds. Some railway people say he was discharged.

Congressman Richmond Pearson has succeeded in the recent election to the advocacy of fusion of Populists and Republicans on the electoral ticket. This is certain. Chairman Holton knows that none of his party, even the extreme anti-fusionists, now oppose fusion on State and county tickets.

Near Goldsboro Sunday afternoon an escaped prisoner from Wayne county jail, named Bunn, was killed by Sheriff Scott. The sheriff's people had been hunting Bunn several weeks. The sheriff was returning from church in the country when he met Bunn in a road cart with his wife. The Sheriff called to him to surrender. Bunn made no reply, but from the bottom of the cart drew a double-barreled gun which he leveled at the Sheriff.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

As a Democrat we do not propose to be constantly pointing out how the administration may have departed from sound and reasonable policy. It is not the part of a Democrat to be continually criticizing.—Raleigh State.

If Judge Shenck is willing to take the road on the same terms as the Southern, we rather favor him on personal grounds. But if it's a kick at the Southern and for no other purpose than to be fighting them we take no stock in his aversion to the lease.—Salisbury Herald.

The Washington Times shows it knows what it is talking about, when it says: "The Democratic party was never licked by one licking; never killed with one killing; never died with one death, and was never buried with one funeral. It has been known to kick the lid off its coffin and score."

Senator Hill has started much gossip by renting a large house in Washington and reports as to his intentions cover every imaginable thing from getting married to opening a political clubhouse for the starting of a new boom for the presidential nomination.

One of the dangers of our time is that of developing a sort of hatred for men simply because they have wealth. There is no doubt much teaching in regard to wealth, which is pernicious and which is preparing the way for a Nihilism as deadly as ever caused the Russian Empire. A man is not necessarily bad because he has wealth.

To be magnanimous is a life-long struggle. Magnanimity is the mark of a noble man. Lee had it. In the early war General Whiting very severely criticized him. President Davis, soon after, desiring a competent officer to perform important duty, asked Lee for advice. Lee strongly commended Whiting as in every way able and well equipped.

This surprised a friend and fellow-officer, some \$50,000 a year. Rock salt has been advanced in price nearly 100 per cent. The packers dispatched trusted men to find out whether salt could be bought elsewhere. Their agents have returned and reported that the combine seems to have scored every thing. Packers instead of \$2.75 a ton are now paying \$4.50 to \$4.75 for their rock salt. What next? If there was any way of securing a corner on air we would be uneasy.

Few people in Washington take any stock in the story that comes from New York to the effect that Mr. Harrison has made a combination which is to place Ex-Senator Warner Miller on the tail of the Harrison ticket. Washington people know Mr. Harrison for one of the shrewdest politicians the country has ever had, notwithstanding the impression of some people that he is too dignified to get down to the level from which political wires have to be pulled, and knowing that they cannot believe that he has made any deal with such a man as Miller.

If he could get Gov. Morton to enter a combination for the nomination of the old '88 ticket he'd jump at it, but Morton has not yet enough for Mr. Harrison to do so, even if he desired to again become a candidate for Vice President, he remembers '92. Failing to make a deal with Mr. Morton, Mr. Harrison has made one with Senator Allen, it is said, the expense of \$200,000. Harrison needs the aid of McKinley. Incidentally they have agreed that if at any time during the convention their combined strength will nominate either, it shall be given to the one controlling the largest number of votes.

A True Bill Found Against Boyden. Salisbury Herald. Just before the adjournment of the grand jury Saturday afternoon a true bill for murder was found against Bob Boyden. It is generally believed that Boyden set fire to the guard house, causing the death of Mr. Henry Kimmons, and we presume this is alleged in the bill of indictment. The Herald knows nothing about the evidence before the grand jury, but from what it knows and has heard of the case it thinks it will be exceedingly difficult to make out a case of murder against Boyden. We believe he fired the house but malice and premeditation will have to be proven to make him guilty of murder, and as he was drunk when put in the guard house and had had no quarrel with Kimmons, who occupied another cell, it will be hard to show malice. The strongest case against Boyden, we think, is arson and a capital felony equally with murder.

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To live an aimless life is to lose life. LUCAS COUNTY. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

When shown a newspaper statement to the effect that he is to join the Populists, Judge Schenck told the Greensboro Record that he had voted the Democratic ticket for 38 years without having ever scratched one and that the statement was absurd.

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Killed By His Wife.

GADES, Ala., November 21, 1895.—News reached here this evening of a tragedy which occurred near Centre, a few miles above here. W. A. Walker was shot and instantly killed by his wife last night at about 7 o'clock. He had been in the habit of getting drunk and going home to abuse and curse his wife and two children. When he was on these excursions he was very violent, and often times his wife had to flee from home to save her life. Yesterday evening he went home in a drunken condition and proceeded to follow out his usual programme of abuse and cruelty. He was unusually boisterous and after cursing his wife in a most terrible manner, he told her that he intended to kill her and one of the children.

As usual she pleaded with him to spare at least the life of her child. Her prayer only maddened him and he made such threatening demonstrations that she left home and started for the home of her sister, a short distance away. Walker followed, still cursing and threatening to take his wife's life. When the woman left home, she went prepared for the worst, for she took with her a pistol. As she reached the door of her sister's residence, she turned and saw her murderous husband enter the gate with a look as if he intended to carry out his threat.

Worked into a fury by the past insults and injury the man had heaped upon her, and driven to the extreme by his present attitude, she raised the pistol and fired. Walker was dead instantly at her feet. No arrest has been made. They were both about fifty years old and have three married and two single children.

A Winning Platform. To the Editor of the Observer: I propose a platform for Democratic victory. It is: 1. The free and unlimited coinage of Western silver at 16 to 1. This will sweep the silver States.

2. The free and unlimited sale of Southern cotton at \$50 a bale. This will sweep the cotton States. 3. The free and unlimited sale of Yankee shoes at \$50 a dozen. This will sweep New England.

4. The free and unlimited sale of Kentucky Bourbon at 5 cents a drink. This will sweep the rest of the country and get rid of Kentucky as a doubtful State, besides "eliminating from the public view" Messrs. P. Watt Hardin and W. C. P. Breckinridge.

Let's drop the old and now discredited name of "Democratic" and call our party the "Vast Free and Unlimited," which might mean, "Everybody free to be an ass and allowed to play the game without limit." DEMOCRAT. Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 20, 1895.

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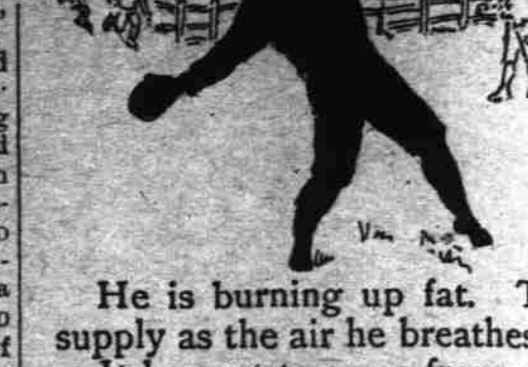
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