



THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1878.

Free from the voting scruples that fetter our re-born republic.

STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

On Thursday, the 13th day of June, the annual convention of the Democratic party, will assemble in Raleigh to formally open the political campaign, and to nominate three candidates for the Supreme Court bench, together with candidates for the Superior Court bench in districts where vacancies will occur, after the present term of office expires.

This is a very important convention, pregnant as it is, to a certain extent, with the actual destinies of North Carolina for some years to come. No higher duty devolves upon the people than the selection of able, pure and competent judges to administer the law, and he who is conversant with American constitutions, can well understand the importance of the relations which exist between good laws, ably administered, and the actual welfare of the people.

According to the popular form of government in the several States, original sovereignty rests only with the people. Power delegated to an officer must come from the people, for a specific purpose, and for a specified time. That person is our officer, and his duties are defined by law by the people expressed through their delegates, whether this be done by a legislature or by a convention.

In the memorable year of 1868, ten years ago, our system of government was reformed in order to give room for the substitution of such a plan as took from the people those dearly bought rights which had been purchased by the blood of the patriots of the American Revolution.

By a mandate, in North Carolina, eighty thousand colored men were enfranchised, whose votes were not legitimized until the people ratified (with their own votes) the ordinance of the convention, passed by the delegates of this class of people themselves. Forty thousand of the best men in the State were disfranchised, and a law was passed before the people, and a rule and rule made, by which the colored man was put in the same class with the white man.

laws were repealed, and order was established out of chaos. From that day to this the Republican party have never been able to obtain a majority in the legislative branch of the State government. But during their ten years of success they had managed to secure the executive and judicial departments of the government for a term of years.

In 1876, during another political upheaval, North Carolina's favorite son, was placed in the gubernatorial chair, as the representative of the true element of honesty, fairness and justice of Southern politics. One more effort and the judiciary will be secured, and the three co-ordinate branches of our State government will have been redeemed from the pollution and degradation of Southern Republicanism.

Having made a hasty review of political history for the past ten years, our readers will see the importance of harmonious action of the convention which is to assemble in Raleigh on the 13th of June. It must not only be harmonious in an eminent degree; personal preferences and private opinions and friendships must not only be buried out of sight, but the three best and purest, and at the same time the ablest lawyers in our State, must be put forward as the standard-bearers of the party of law and order.

Referring to the fact that "this affectionate, venerable and distinguished son of North Carolina, than whom a truer heart never beat with every impulse of love for the old mother commonwealth," as it properly characterizes him, was in Raleigh Monday on his way to Chapel Hill, to deliver a historical address at the commencement now in progress there, the News handily says:

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Indications Favorable to the Democratic Party. SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—A Portland dispatch says: The election returns are coming in slowly, but a sufficient number has been received to induce the Democrats to believe that Whitaker is elected to Congress. Earhart, Republican, is generally conceded to be elected Secretary of State. Nothing definite concerning the rest of the State ticket has been received. The growing impression is that the Legislature will be Democratic, but the result cannot be positively stated for two or three days.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

WASHINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

Matthews Explains—The House Strikes Out the Enacting Clause of the Tariff Bill—Efforts in Behalf of Georgia Distillers—Amendments to the Revenue Bill—The House Passes the Tobacco Tax Reduction Bill—Work of the Potter Committee, Etc.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Stanley Matthews made a personal explanation, in which he made a general contradiction, in his own favor, and proposed to substitute under oath. He denies that he was a party to any promise of protection, or any reward to any one in consideration of the commission by them of frauds, real or pretended, in that election. He denies that he endeavored to secure office for Anderson or any one, with the knowledge that he or any one else had been guilty of fraud in that election; and he did not know and, in fact, did not believe, that frauds were committed in that election. On his motion a committee of seven was ordered, with power to send for persons and papers, in which every allegation against him was mentioned as a theme for investigation.

The Potter committee has adjourned to allow its members to vote on the tariff bill, which is now progressing in the House, under a motion to strike out the enacting clause. WASHINGTON, June 5.—The motion to strike out the enacting clause of the tariff bill was carried; yeas 134, nays 130.

Mr. Bell, of Georgia, called to see the President to-day to effect some arrangement by which the indicted distillers in North-east Georgia could return home and make a crop. NIGHT DISPATCHES. WASHINGTON, June 5.—HOUSE.—The Senate bill in regard to the Mexican award was taken up, and after being so amended as to provide for a rehearing of the claims rejected by the commission or umpire, and also for the rehearing of the claims allowed by the commission upon application of the Mexican government, was passed. The remainder of the session was devoted to the consideration of the bill amending the Internal Revenue laws.

Harris, of Virginia, offered an amendment providing that any person may distill fruit grown on his own land without paying a tax, and without being liable to the internal revenue laws; yeas 120, nays 60.

Gov. of New York, offered an amendment fixing the tax upon snuff, chewing and smoking tobacco at twenty cents per pound, upon cigars at five dollars per thousand; upon cigarettes (not weighing more than three and a half pounds per thousand) at \$1.25 per thousand, and upon cigarettes (weighing more than three pounds per thousand) at five dollars per thousand. Tucker's amendment was agreed to, yeas 126, nays 60.

Secretary Sherman on the floor of the Senate to-day, congratulated Matthews on his personal explanation. The life savings station bill which passed the House yesterday, provides for fifteen additional stations on the coast of Virginia and North Carolina. They shall be open from the first of September to the first of May.

upon measures against the socialists. It is believed that large numbers of socialists have recently come to Berlin. The authorities are taking precautions against any outbreak. The richer classes are exceedingly uneasy and fear trouble, especially if the government, as anticipated, attempts any repressive legislation.

PARIS, June 5.—The French government has offered to aid in the discovery of the socialist here with whom Dr. Nothling corresponded. LONDON, June 5.—The Times' St. Petersburg correspondent says: "Despite the large section of public distrust in the result of the congress, there is no indication of the government's wavering or wishing to retract."

ST. PETERSBURG, June 5.—Prince Gortschakoff is sufficiently recovered to go to the congress. He will be accompanied by Count Schouvaloff and Prince Asshrill, the Russian ambassador at Berlin. The Agency Russa says: "The presence of the leading ministers in the Congress, and the spirit which now seems to animate the various cabinets, gives hope that the Eastern question will be dealt with in a broad sense, with the object of reaching a common understanding and consolidating the peace of Europe."

BERLIN, June 5.—The Emperor slept well during the night, and his condition this morning is generally satisfactory. His healthy condition bears the shock with wonderful strength. He was moved yesterday from the small iron bedstead in an unpretentious back room, where he usually sleeps, to a larger pallet in a front room, facing the Unter den Linden.

BERLIN, June 5.—The Emperor is very cheerful and his rapid recovery is confidently expected. The decree has been issued proclaiming regency, and nominating the Crown Prince, Frederick William, as regent. LATEST. LONDON, June 5.—The German ambassador here has just received a dispatch from the Crown Princess of Germany, reading as follows: "I have just seen the Emperor. He has fever and pain; his left arm is much swollen, but his other wounds are healing."

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