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## FRIDAY, MAY 5 1881.

## MEETING OF THE STATE DEMO-CRATIC COMMITTEE.

The State Democratic Committee, which met in Raleigh Wednesday, confined itself simply to the question of naming the time and place for calling the State Convention, which was fixed for July 5th, at Raleigh.

# SHOWING THEIR HANDS.

The Anti-Prohibition committee met Tuesday in Raleigh, and elected Col. Wm. Johnston president, in place of T. N. Cooper, resigned. It also decided to call a convention on the 7th of June to nominate candidates and formulate a platform, announcing in the meantime their aim to be to aid in establishing local self covernment, to diffuse more general education among the masses, to purify the ballot box, and settle the question of prohibition. This much is briefly announced. They are considerate enough to invite all, irrespective of past political affiliations, or previous condition of servitude, we presume, to come in and co-operate with them in their disinterested, self-imposed task, of redeeming this heretofore neglected and sadly oppressed common wealth. It seems to us, that the features of their proposed platform which they have announced are not altogether original; in fact we have a quite distinct recollection that Dr. Mott announced several months ago that this was the platform on which he proposed to take the independents in and scoop up the Democrats. Dr. Mott is the father of it and not the Anti-Prohibition committee, which in this case is simply echoing what he formulated. When THE OBSERVER some time ago

on the strength of information received of January 27th, denouncing as slanfrom Washington through its correspondent and other sources, criticised the attitude of Col Johnston it was thought by his friends, who would not believe the reports concerning him, that we were doing him gross injustice; that he was cruelly misrepresented, and that an effort was being made to drive him out of the party. The Colonel complained of misrepresentation and went Johnston was not misrepresented after so far as to publish a card, denying the all, but they will not be able to underthe Democratic party. His presence at now unequivocally does over his own and presiding over the committee at Raleigh will set at rest the charge of misrepresentation, and establish the fact that THE OBSERVER was not wrong Nashville, Tenn., Saturday, thirty-six when it identified him with the new er be doubted that he stands there now square and flat-footed. Now we know where to find him, and they who refused to believe that he contemplated such a move also know where to, find him too. As far as the action of the committee is concerned it is about what we anticipated, and we are glad they have announced their purpose and thus thrown off the disguise, under which some of the leaders have heretofore been operating. The next step will be the convention and the coalition with Dr. Mott, who has thus far laid the wires and arranged the plans for the combination between the Radicals and the so-called Liberals in the fight against the Democracy. The people can see how the dog and the tail both wag, and will know what to do with them when they enter the field with Mott as principal field officer and so called independent rag floating to the breeze.

THE "LIBERAL" MOVE. We publish elsewhere, from the Raleigh News and Observer, the proceedings of the meeting at Raleigh called "Anti-Prohibition" "Liberal" "N. C. Liquor Association," "Independ-

ent" committee, or almost anything else one chooses to call it, (for it is known under various names) with the address issued. It will be observed that the motion for a convention of all who were disposed to "jine" hand, in the war-

on the Bourbon Democracy, irrespective of former political affiliations, &c. was made by James E. O'Hara, a gen-Thomas, or some other foreign sea-

port, and who has always been a Republican of good standing, and of un- viding for an investigation as to whethquestioned complexion. Who doubts Mr. O'Hara's disinterested sincerity when he clasps hands with Colonel Johnston in the grand march of progress and liberality? He is one of Dr. Motts' strik ers, and, as an advance guard in the Liberal move, he is a jam-up representative of the cause. O'Hara was also, if we are not mistaken, a participant in the Goldsboro convention, and figured somewhat extensively in that rare combination of talented patriots. That convention also threw out a cordial invitation to the liberally disposed, irrespective of former political affiliations, to of legislative business upon anonycome into camp and join in the war on the Democracy, but they insisted while doing so in asserting their "steadfast devotion to Republican principles and the Republican party." Mr. O'Hara,

who moves for the convention on the 7th of June, is no doubt also steadfast in his Republicanism, while shoving himself forward as the mouth-piece of the men behind the screen, to get things in shape for the grand splicing performance which is shortly to take place between the Republican dog and the "Liberal" tail.

Perhaps now it would be in order for Colonel Johnston to republish his card derous the allegation that he was cooperating in the Independent move for the defeat of the Democratic party in this State. That card and the pronun-

ciamento of the so-called Anti-Prohibition committee over which he presided would read well side by side. The public, who read both, will doubtless come to the conclusion that Colonel

# IN CONGRESS THE WHISKEY BING, EX-CONFED

ERATE BILL AND COULT OF AP-PEALS BILL IN THE SENATE.

The House Takes Another Pass at the Tariff Commission Bill, which Calls Forth Numerous and Varied Speeches.

WASHINGTON, May 4.-SENATE -A. number of bills were introduced and referred. Voorhees' resolution for a committee

of investigation into alleged corrupt or improper influence concerning the House bill now before the finance comtleman of color. from the Island of St | mittee amending the laws in regard to distilled spirits in bonded warehouses.

was taken up. Windom moved an amendment proer any money has been raised by contributions or otherwise from parties in its interest to secure the passage or defeat of the bill, and if so for what uses it has been expended Voorhees accepted the amendment

and said he had offered the resolution because of newspaper assertions upon himself as a member of the finance committee.

Bayard, Morrill, Harris, Beck, Vest. ingalls and Ferry asserted their confidence in the personal and official integrity of Voorhees and regarded the charges as unworthy of further notice. Each of the speakers concurred in the view that the Senate could not afford to occupy public time to the exclusion mous newspaper accusations.

But upon mention of the subject presented by Windom the sentiment was in favor of immediate and thorough investigation in view of the statement made by Windom that he had received information from which he believed that an enormous sum of money had been raised by the so called whiskey ring to procure the passage of the bill through Congress. He said he could not youch for the information but it was such as to compel him to propose an inquiry into matters. He believed that if the bill passed the country would within a few years be shocked by the developments, operations and success of a combination so enormous as to pale into utter insignificance the ring of two or three years ago. A huge amount was now due on whiskey in

bond and the bill proposed to destroy the bonds and give the combination a chance to raise the treasury to the tune of nearly \$70,000,000. He coincided in the opinion that personal insinuations against the Senator from Indiana were too insignificant to receive notice, but he wanted to go to the bottom of the charges, to which he now called atten-

Beck read a telegram from J M Atherton, of Louisville, which he said had been given as authority for the accusation against Voorhees, disclaiming all responsibility therefor and adreports published, which his friends re- stand why he worked himself up to ding that his statements and opinions ceived as a complete vindication and such a high state of indignation at be- concerning the whiskey legislation had quoted as proof of his steadfastness to ing charged with doing that which he been greatly exaggerated and misrepresented



Yesterday afternoon, the executive committee of the State Anti-Prohibition Association, met at the Yarboro. 0

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T. N. Cooper called the meeting to order and F. M. Serrell, the secretary,

acted in that capacity. Col. T. F. Cooper tendered his resignation as chairman of the committee.

Col. William Johnston, of Charlotte, who had been elected a member to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. S. M. Carpenter, of Newbern, was then chosen chairman.

There was considerable discussion, and finally a resolution was, offered by I. E. O'Hara calling for a State Anti prohibition convention to be held in Raleigh, on Wednesday, June 7th. A committee, to which the work had been assigned, submitted the following address, which was adopted by the committee

To the People of North Carolina:

This committee, being the only body representing the organization of last year, formed to defeat the class legislation embodied in the prohibition act, do hereby call a mass convention of the liberal, independent voters of the State, without regard to former political affiliations, to be held in the city of Raleigh on the 7th of June, to present to the people of the State a platform of principles, and candidates for the State offices to be filled in the coming November election.

In the opinion of this committee such action is right and proper, that those who honestly stood up for the right then, shall have the opportunity to ratify their action, by the adoption of principles and election of men opposed to the party organization which forced this unjust legislation upon' them.

The leadership and methods of this organization, the channel through which it speaks to the people, and the spirit of dictation and abuse with which it attempts to drive into its support those choosing to act for themselves, demands the presentation of this movement. A majority of the press of the State which supported this odious legislation of last year continues to misrepresent us. Our manhood and self respect require us to rebuke once more this insulting minority, that it may learn to respect the people's rights and liberties.

In this movement principles are involved which should be cherished by every freeman, and it is our duty to see that they are protected against this intolerant spirit which strikes not only t the personal freedom of but also at the principles of local selfgovernment. The bitterness with which we were denounced last summer lives not alone on the tongues of our defamers but has taken root deep down into their hearts. Let us, then, rally again for our liber-ties and rights, assured ty our past success of the hearty co-operation of more than one hundred thousand majority of our fellow-citizens, in restoring to the people local self-government, diffus-ing more generally education among the masses, purifying the ballot box and forever settling the vexed question of restraining by law those vices which, in our judgment can best be corrected by moral suasion and religious organi-WM. JOHNSTON. zations. FRANCIS M. SORRELL, Chair'n. Secretary.





# CRITICISING SENATORS VANCE AND RANSOM.

Our Washington correspondent inthe confirmation of Mr. Cooper as Colin defeat of the confirmation when his | reached. name first came before the Senate. They think our Senators ought to have stood square up against the confirmation to the last, and not given their consent to the confirmation, as they did by refraining from voting when the question came finally before the Senate. They had no part in the bargain which resulted in the confirmation in exchange for the investigation granted. They opposed the confirmation because they were informed that Cooper was not the proper person to fill the office, and refused to consent, either by vote or silence, to his confirmation.

It seems to us they have foundation for their complaint. On principle, we are opposed to bargaining in matters of this kind, and when our Senators, ably seconded by Mr. Armfield, of the House, opposed Mr. Cooper's confirmation, they no doubt had sufficient reasons to warrant their action. What those reasons were the public is not fully advised but they were sufficient to ensure a solid Democratic vote, with enough Republican votes to defeat the confirmation when Mr. Cooper's name was it is understood that after hesitation

signature.

lings, at Mr. Harding's stock farm near himself he would leave the disposition colts and fillies were sold for \$23,355, an move months ago. It will at least no long- an average of \$649, which will do pretty of the resolution to the pleasure of the Senate. well for colts.

> The Missouri Democrats propose to follow the example of the Ohio Repubfollow the example of the Ohio Repub-licans in the gerrymandering business, and talk of dividing that State so as to and talk of dividing that State so as to get thirteen Democratic Congressman to one Republican.

The Utica Morning Herald, (Rep.,) speaking of President Arthur's action on the Chinese bill, says: "The public will watch with considerable interest how he will cut the Gordian knot." He will cut it by signing the bill.

Arrest of a Postoffice Official.

Special telegram to the Observer. BOSTON, May 4.-Col. Thos. B. Long, postoffice inspector, arrested in this city to-day, T. R. Evans, for forging a money order, and a twelve hundred dollar check on a bank. There was a full confession in both cases.

# The South Carolina Cases.

CHARLESTON, May 4.-In the United

States circuit court the case for the defense of the three managers of the election in the Hope Engine House preforms us that the Democratic Senators to the jury. Judge Bond gave no in- with the exception of speeches to be decomplain of the action of Senators structions, stating it was simply aques-Vance and Ransom for consenting to tion of fact for the jury. At nightfall the jury had not returned a verdict. The return to the rule in the case of lector of this district, after having sought and received their solid support the two intimidated jurors in the Ac-ton cases was read but no decision

Wise Confirmed -- Debate on the Tariff Commission Bill to Close To-Morrow. WASHINGTON, May 4.—The Senate confirmed John S. Wise, of Virginia, to be U.S. attorney for the Eastern district of Virginia. It has been decided to close debate

on the tariff commission bill now pending in the House some time to-morrow. Kelly and Tucker will close the debate for the Republican and Demo-cratic parties respectively.

## Tax on Cotton.

WASHINGTON, May 4.- A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury was laid treated. before the Senate to-day showing that the total amount of internal revenue cluding that received from all States and Territories, was \$68,072,388.99.

# Michael Davitt to be Released.

Voorhees said the aspersions upon At the sale of thoroughbred yearsons in Washington, but in view of the declaimer read by Beck which he regarded as a sufficient exoneration of

> After further discussion Windom withdrew his amendment with notice that he would renew it to-morrow as

The bill repealing the disqualification for army service imposed upon ex-Con-federates came up in order, when Rollins' pending motion to commit to the judiciary committee prevailed by a party vote: yeas 29; nays 28.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, voting aye with the Republicans. Mahone, who was present to day, al-

so voted aye. The chair announced his signature

to the Chinese bill which now goes to the President. The Senate then resumed the consid-

eration of the Court of Appeals bill. Vest's pending amendment prohibit-ing the district or circuit judge from setting in appellate court upon the cause tried before him in the lower court was agreed to, yeas 39; nays 14. The bill went over without action.

Executive session. Adjourned.

HOUSE .- Kasson, of Iowa, in moving to go into committee of the whole this morning on the tariff commission bill, stated that he expected that the genelivered by members of the ways and means committee who have not yet spoken. He hoped for a vote on the bill, beyond question, on Saturday next. The House then, at 11:25, went into committee of the whole, Robinson, of Massachusetts, in the chair, on the bill indicated.

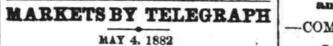
Candless, of Massachusetts, advocated he passage of the bill and read a petition of fifty manufacturers, representing industries that employed \$200,000.-000 of capital that consumed 1,500,000 bales of cotton a year, and that operated 10,000,000 spindles, in its favor. He supported the proposition for a commission on the ground that the ways and means committee, however able and honest, was inadequate for the work of a proper revision of the tariff. It had neither time nor experience to treat with a question like this in the detailed manner in which it must be

Finley, of Florida, repudiated the doctrines of extreme free traders and extax collected on raw cotton from the treme protectionists and favored a time the tax was imposed in 1862, in- middle course, a tariff for revenue with incidental protection. Cabell, of Virginia, regarded the ap-

pointment of a tariff commission as a scheme for delay and announced his op-LONDON, May 4 — Sir William Ver-non Harcourt, Home Secretary, an-nounced in the House of Commons to-day that the government have deter-mined to release Michael Davitt from prison. The Secretaryship for Ireland. LONDON, May 4.—The Standard says it is understood that after hesitation and reluctance. Mr. Chemberlain ac

# How young soever you may be, With failing teeth, you're grim and old; And losing your mouth's purity,

Your features seem both dull and celd, Then man or maid, warned of your fate, Seek SOZODONT, e'er it's too late.



PRODUCE WILMINGTON-Spirits Turpentine firm, at 48c. Bosin steady, \$1.85 for strained; \$1.90 for good strained. Tar firm, at \$2.10. Corn-steady; prime white 971/2; mixed 98.

BALTIMORE-NOON-Flour very dull; Howard street and Western super \$3.752\$5.00; extra \$5.252 \$6.25; family \$6.502\$7.50; City Mills, super \$3.502\$4.75; extra \$5.002\$7.80; Bio brands \$7.252\$7.37. Wheat-Southern steady; Western lower and dull; Southern red \$1.832\$1.88; am-ber \$1.432\$1.48; No. 1 Maryland \$1.47142 \$1.4714; No. 2 Western winter red spot, \$1.4288. Corn-Southern steady; Western dull and weak; Southern white 91: Southern redlow 87. Southern white 91; Southern yellow 87.

BALTIMORE — NIGHT — Oats, higher; Southern 60@63; Western white 62@63; mixed 58@60; Pennsylvania 60@63. Provisions -firm and unchanged; mess pork \$18.50@\$19 50. Bulk meats—shoulders and clear rib sides, pack-ed \$56@1114. Bacon shoulders 91/2; clear rib sides 121/2; hams 141/2@151/2. Lard—refined 128/2. Coffee—quiet; Bio cargoes—ordinary to fair 81/2@-91/2. Sugar-quiet; A soft 972. Whiskey—firm, at \$1.23. Freights dull

at \$1.23. Freights dull. NEW YORK. -Southern four, quiet, steadily held; common to fair extra \$5.750\$\$4.90. good to choice extra \$7.000\$\$5.50. Wheat - \$20114c lower and unsettled and depressed, but closing steady at 40\$\$40\$ and depressed, but closing steady at 40\$\$1.444; ungraded red \$1.170\$\$1.45; No. 2 Fed. May \$1.4840\$\$1.4945. Corn-opened 140224c lower, heavy and unsettled and closing with rather more strength; ungraded 760\$\$5; No. 2. May 82-08316. Oats-opened 14022 lower and less ac-tive: No. 3.5945. Hope-trade very light and prices unchanged; Yearlings 14022. Coffee-easier and fairly active; Bio cargoes 80210; Job lots 8021. Sugar-unchanged and dull; fair to good refining quoted at 7602714; Refined quiet; Standard A 945. Molasses-dull and somewhat nominal. Bice-steady and quiet. Rosin-dull and unsettled, at 5942026. Wool-dull and weak; Domestie floece \$30248; Texas 14029. Pork-held very strong; mess spot \$18.00; old \$18.50-0\$18 75; new prime mess at West \$14.50. Middles-dull and prices nominal; iong clear 11. Lard-opened a shade lower and less active and closing weak; prime steam spot \$11.60; May \$11.524\$\$11.60. Freights to Liverpool market irmer. Cotton, per steam 8-82d708-16d. Wheat, per steam 1d.



GALVESTOR-Duil; middling 12c; low mid-dling like; good ordinary like; net receipts 543; gross 548; sales 250; stock 18,654; ex-ports coastwise \_\_\_\_\_; to Great Britain 1,986; to ; to France + -; to chann

NORFOLK-Quiet; middling 11%; net receipts 882; gross 882; stock 18,104; exports coest-wise 674; sales 1,108; exports to Great Britain ; to continent —.

BALTINORE-Quiet; middling 12.8-16; low mid-dling 1156; good ordinary 1056; net receipts 47; gross 1.809; sales \_\_\_\_; stock 20,086; exports coastwise 525; spinners \_\_\_; exports to Great Britain 88; to continent \_\_\_\_;



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