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NOTICE.—We will be pleased to publish any communications from any person relative to the good of the people; but any communication relative to personal matters or tending to bring about a controversy will not be tolerated.—Ems.

THE LEDGER is strictly a Democratic newspaper. It will uphold the men and principles of that party when they are right, and condemn them when they are wrong.

We fear that the wet weather will cause rust to take hold of the wheat and seriously damage the crop. It is to be hoped that a dry season will last till harvest time. Rust attacks wheat soonest in damp localities.

PROF. JOSEPH HENRY, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, one of the most celebrated Physicists and Experimenters in Electro Magnetism, died in Washington City on Monday last. He had been Secretary of that institution for thirty-two years.

ORANGE County is the home of the Simon pure Democrats, and her citizens will not support any independent candidates. This business of independent candidature should not be countenanced as it tends only to break the strength of the party, and if carried on will finally cause a complete overthrow of any party.

TO-DAY the County Convention of the Democratic party of Orange County meets in Hillsboro to nominate two candidates for the House of Representatives, county officers, and to recommend a Senator to the Convention which meets at Prospect Hill. We do not propose to dictate to the delegates what to do. We are willing to abide the action of the Convention.

THE following gentlemen have been proposed by the press of the county as suitable candidates for the Senate from this District: Julian S. Carr, A. W. Graham and Calvin E. Parrish. Either of these gentlemen will represent the interest of Orange county with ability and honesty. For the House of Representatives the following names have been proposed: John R. Hutchins, Caleb Green, M. A. Angier, Josiah Turner.

THE Southern Baptist Convention is now in session at Nashville, Tenn. Among the prominent ministers present are: Rev. J. P. Bozer, D. D.; L. L. D., Rev. H. A. Tupper, D. D.; Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., and Rev. J. C. Hiden, D. D. Among the prominent visitors are: Dr. S. Cutting, Dr. J. D. Fuller, and Rev. T. G. Thearle. Col. J. M. Heck, and Dr. Pritchard, represent North Carolina in the Convention. The attendance is very large and composed of the finest Baptist ministers in the South.

THE General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been in session at Atlanta some time. All the Bishops are present and many ministers and laymen of fine ability. The North Carolina delegation take a prominent part in all its proceedings, and all have been appointed to preach at some church in the city. One or two bishops are to be elected, and much business relative to the church government and other important matters is being transacted. The question of the division of the North Carolina Conference will be discussed.

HAYES AND SHERMAN.

We considered the action of the Electoral Commission as final. The fact that Hayes occupies his seat by fraud, is as plain as day, but the intense excitement which investigation causes, the depression of business which must necessarily follow from the action of a committee whose decision is doubtful, and the troubles likely to ensue, are the reasons why Mr. Hayes should be countenanced for two years longer, and then he will be disposed of by the almost unanimous vote of the Union. The recent confession of those who were engaged in counting the Florida vote, are of such a nature as to demand an investigation, and the political waters, from recent Washington dispatches, are soon to be troubled, and the chances are that a President of these United States and a Secretary of the Treasury will be swept away in the storm. Within the last few weeks McLin, who was chairman of the Florida returning board, has made a sweeping confession which implicates not only the President but many of the visiting and corresponding statesmen. McLin and others in high authority, whose consciences are very tender and will not allow them to rest, have confessed that the returns from East and West Feliciana were doctored so as to carry the State for Hayes, when in fact it had gone 600 or more for Tilden. Other frauds of a dark nature have been confessed. An investigation is demanded and Hon. Montgomery Blair, of Maryland, has presented a memorial to Congress praying the appointment of a committee to investigate the matter. On Monday, May 13th, Hon. Clarkson N. Potter, of New York, brought the matter before the House of Representatives. What will be done we do not know. If the matter is fully investigated there will be an unearthing of fraud, villainy and corruption, so black as to shame the most degraded, and the country will be thrown into a state of political excitement never before witnessed.

To honor the dead has been instinctive among almost every nation on the globe. Whatever may have been their part in life, whether patriots or traitors, fortunate or unfortunate, the same and equal sacredness, seemed to linger above the common sod of all. Thirteen years ago thousands of new graves received the mangled corpses of Southern's noblest sons, and though sacrificed in an unfortunate cause, branded with infamy and treason by their enemies, yet, to-day, no one of these graves can be found in America but that a proper meed of honor and respect is lavished upon it. A few years of peace and unprejudiced reflection have revealed to their eyes convictions of the true heroism and deep patriotism which infused the soul of every southern man, and have compelled them to exhibit that magnanimity which every truly generous and noble man can never conceal. North Carolina has chosen the 10th of May to exhibit her public appreciation of their unproductive efforts, and this she does in that simple but expressive custom of decorating their graves. Truly, southern chivalry far outstrips that of the middle ages, in its expressiveness and simplicity. The matrons and maidens of the Old North State, in their earnest supplication for victory and showers of tears on account of their loved ones' departure, formed a strong contrast to the pompous display and the gay adieux of ancient chivalry. But the crowning point of their superiority is displayed in the manner of regarding the dead. Assembling in the month of May with gentle hands and broken hearts they give their silent but eloquent testimony to the tenderness and affection which they feel for them and strew the emblems of the lost cause mingled with prayers and tears. No wonder so much really true patriotism exists in the South, and this same patriotism might exist everywhere if only our southern women were everywhere.

THE Legislature of Ohio is determined to re-district that State.

In another column will be found a report of the meeting of the Democrats of this Township held in this place on Saturday last. The delegates elected are men who represent the best interests of the community, and whose action in the County Convention will undoubtedly be expressive of the opinions of a majority of the farmers of this vicinity. These delegates were not instructed, which was very proper. The reason for this is that these delegates are substantial and sensible men who will look to the best interests of the county, and will nominate the best men.

POLITICAL opinion in North Carolina is not all one way, and it will be well for those who call themselves Democrats to bear the fact in mind in the approaching election. Because half a dozen men run as independent Democratic candidates it is no reason why their votes should be distributed among them. A man who canvasses for the Legislature as an independent Democratic candidate, is nobody's man. The Radicals are afraid he is fooling them, and the Democrats know he is not a true exponent of the principles of that party. He is "half horse, half alligator, and the other part snapping turtle."

In every undertaking always look out for the home-stretch. Mould your bird-shot into a cannon ball and when you shoot, shoot with an irresistible vim; you will certainly hit and stick. But on your way let a few of your bird shot to let people know you are coming; they will not diminish your strength much, and will keep up your spirits. Don't do like some people who instead of walking steadily and uniformly try to get to their destination all at once by one lengthy stride; such people will either split their legs or fall down exhausted when they get there. Collect and suit to your object every little mite upon which you may stumble in your progress; this will augment your store and strengthen your foundation. Always be in good spirits and don't let poisonous, false spirits be in you.

[COMMUNICATED.]

There has been lately, an election held for Editors of the University Magazine for the next Collegiate year, and we are assured that those elected by the two Societies will reflect in their future publications the sentiments and wishes of the people of Chapel Hill.

It is our hope that they will not vent their spleen, when criticised, in the same bilious tone that characterized a few of the late editorials. For the sake of the University, let there be more of the Editor's brain and less of the Editor, more wit, and fewer conundrums, more of the honey bee and less of the other kind of "b," or of the wasp. Let them assume a dignified tone which will demand classic and chaste language, such as we so much admire in Addison and Irving. They will not stoop then to beg an interchange of the customary civilities which are usually extended by their brethren of the press.

Let the present Corps remember that we are "perfected through suffering." Make up their minds to bear outside criticism without chaffing. Criticism must have a wholesome effect, and through bearing themselves seemingly indifferent, be at the same time alive to it—improvingly alive to it.

The graves of the Federal dead who lie buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Charlotte, were decorated by the military companies of the city on memorial day. The Observer says, "this is an annual custom here, and one which is never neglected."

Lenoir Topic: The prospect throughout the county never looked better for a large crop of everything than it does at the present time. Farmers are a long ways ahead this year with their crops, and the amount that is being put in is larger than ever heretofore.

Monroe Enquirer: On last Wednesday morning it was discovered that Bethel Church had been set on fire, and burned down the previous night. No positive cause can be assigned for the deed. This church belonged to the Pleasant Grove Circuit, and is the second church that circuit has lost by fire in the last six weeks.

UNIVERSITY ITEMS.

Times are noisy. The Seniors and "Reps" are indulging in "chin music" from morning till night, eagerly looking for Commencement when they hope to hear a creditable "vox populi."

The Dialectic Society has purchased a new chandelier and a complete outfit of side lamps. The chandelier is beautiful and adds much to the general appearance of the Hall. It contains twelve (12) lamps.

Judge W. H. Battle, Hon. John Manning, and Julian S. Carr, Esq., part of the Board of visitors, made their annual inspection of the workings of the University this week. We hope they were fully gratified at its progress.

We regret very much that Dr. Phillips is confined to a bed of sickness. We had concluded that an entire recovery had been effected and that his chair would no more be vacant. However, it is earnestly hoped that his health will soon recruit, and allow him to resume his former position.

Prof. Mangum's class in English Literature had their final examination this week. The class in chemistry have also been examined in the Laboratory department. The examination lasted during the whole week, and the students appear to be very much "banged out." The examination in theoretical chemistry will be held May 31st.

Department of Mathematics.—This department is under the charge of Dr. Phillips and Prof. Graves. Dr. Phillips is too well known to speak of here; Prof. Graves is a graduate of the University of Virginia. The course in mathematics is equivalent to that prescribed by any southern university, and is thoroughly taught. Dependence upon self is especially inculcated and every measure leading to this is adopted. Original problems are continually presented, compelling the student to draw upon his own resources, and show that he fully comprehends every principle taught. No branch of study is more calculated to help the student in learning to think, and this is rendered so especially by the manner in which it is taught here. English text books, are used, especially those issued by graduates of Cambridge. Mathematics is ground into a fellow, whether he likes the grinding or not.

UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE.—The editors from the "Phi" Society have been elected. The whole corps consists of Messrs. F. D. Winston, C. B. Aycock and M. C. S. Noble from the "Phi," and Messrs. W. R. Slade, R. P. Pell and A. L. Phillips from the "Di." The business managers elected are Messrs. Winston and Pell. An entirely new plan has been devised for conducting the Magazine next year, and the editors elect expect to exert themselves to the utmost in rendering it successful. Various improvements will be instituted, and the people, especially the old alumni, are earnestly invited to co-operate with the editors in this undertaking. Don't wait for somebody to begin, but come and give it a hearty welcome and a helping hand. Some of the best writers in the State will contribute to its pages, and its whole tone will be dignified in its bearing upon every topic. Let every alumni take an enthusiastic interest in its favor, and it will undoubtedly succeed. Subscribe, advertise and contribute. Remember it is a State institution and should be encouraged.

Commencement Exercises.—The Baccalaureate Sermon before the Graduating Class will be preached in University Chapel (Gerard Hall) on Sunday preceding Commencement Day, 2nd of June, by the Rev. George Patterson, D. D., of Wilmington, N. C.

On Tuesday night the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies will hold meetings in their hall, which all the members of the Societies are invited to attend. Those desiring to become honorary members will have an opportunity of joining at that time.

On Wednesday morning at 11

o'clock, the address before the two Literary Societies will be delivered by Hon. Jos. A. Engelhard, of the class of 1854, Secretary of State, chosen by the Dialectic Society.

Immediately after the close of his address a meeting of the Alumni Association will be held, during which the Hon. James Grant, of Davenport, Iowa, a graduate of the class of 1832 will deliver an address before the Association.

We learn that Prof. J. DeB. Hooper, of class of 1831, has invited all the surviving members of Judge Grant's class to a re-union on that day. Among them are our well-known fellow-citizen, Hon. Giles Mebane, Hon. Jacob Thompson, Rev. Thos. R. Owen, and others.

On Wednesday night the Representatives of the two Societies will deliver original orations. They are from the "Di." Messrs. R. Strange, Jr., J. M. Leach, Jr., and E. B. Engelhard, and from the "Phi." Messrs. R. W. Winston, James Manning and D. Bell. Their subjects will be given hereafter.

On Thursday the members of the Graduating Class will deliver original addresses and essays. They are Messrs. A. Arrington, W. P. Cline, J. H. Faison, C. W. Galloway, E. J. Hill, J. B. Lewis, Geo. McCorkle, J. M. Nicholson, N. H. Street and H. T. Watkins. The reports of the students will then be read.

His Excellency Z. B. Vance, President ex-officio of the Board of Trustees, will confer the degrees.

The prizes in Chemistry, Latin and Oratory will be conferred during the exercises.

The singing on Sunday at the delivery of the Baccalaureate Sermon will be conducted by a portion of the class in music under the superintendence of Prof. Wilson.

The Grand Ball given by the students to the Graduating Class will come off Thursday night.

The Salem Brass Band will play during the intervals of the exercises.

We are glad to learn that Jos. Strange who was accidentally stabbed by a pair of compasses some time since, is now recovering.

[From the Raleigh Observer.] "NEW CHAPEL HILL."

PROF. WINSTON'S LECTURE AT BINGHAM SCHOOL.

MEBANEVILLE, May 11.

Messrs. Editors: One of the distinctive features of "New Chapel Hill" is the infusion into its faculty of young, vigorous blood. Some doubting Thomases have questioned the wisdom of this policy on the part of the trustees. They say that putting young, untried men in leading chairs is a dangerous experiment. But most of the friends of the University see in this new and distinctive feature the greatest assurance of success. The wise householder in the scriptures had among his treasures "things old and new," and he "brought them out." A young man, with his life before him, with his reputation to make, whose career must be a success, is stimulated to the highest degree. Prof. Winston is a fine type of the young Professor. He is talented, vigorous and enthusiastic and ambitious. In short he is in every sense a "live man," to use an almost slang expression. He has taken the aggressive—he means to win. This much we knew before his visit to "Bingham;" and we expected a good deal; but we did not expect such a lecture as he delivered, or such an impression as he made on the cadets. His subject was the character of the ancient Romans, and his treatment of it was broad, vigorous, learned and striking. Comparisons are odious, but let justice be done if the heavens fall. I am free to say that in my four years at old Chapel Hill I never heard, altogether, in the department of language as much to set one to thinking, as much to convince one of the practical value of studying Latin, as much to show how the past lives in the present, as was contained in Prof. Winston's lecture. There is hope for the cause of polite learning in the State when the policy of the trustees of the University unite to the weight and dignity of the older professors the vigor, enthusiasm and ambition of such rising young men as Prof. Winston and the other young men at "New Chapel Hill." Our Phoenix-like University, which has so gloriously risen from its ashes, in the hands of such a President, such older and such young professors as now man it, must soon take an eminent position among the colleges of the country, not only for the extent, but for the depth and thoroughness of the culture it offers. Let the friends of the University "thank God and take courage." R. B.

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