



DISTRICT CONVENTION.

On Wednesday, the 16th day of June, 1880, in the city of Raleigh, a Convention of the Democratic-Conservative party in the Fourth Congressional District will be held for the purpose of nominating their candidates for Congress and for Presidential Elector, and appointing two delegates to attend the Democratic National Convention.

LOCAL LOYALTY.

It is not wise to train a community to narrow-minded selfishness. It is not economical, in any sense, to yield to home monopolies and suffer unreasonable taxation just to please greedy and exacting neighbors. But there is another side of the matter. Every community is a unit, and any one part depends on the rest of it. Like an individual, it has a direct work to do for its own preservation and improvement. If it does not take care of itself, others will not take care of it—except as it falls on the paper list. If it is very rich, it can well afford to extend its help to others; but if it is very poor, it needs to keep its resources and to distribute its limited help among its own. Leaving our readers to judge of the condition of their own communities, we call attention to the unthrifty and impoverishing customs that are observed by very many of our people. Yielding to attractive clap-net circulars and catalogues from northern merchants, many make regular cash purchases from these abroad while they run their tradesmen. The home merchant can't sell on long, uncertain credit and compete with the man that sells his auction goods for cash. Such a course will prevent our merchants from the prosperity that is necessary for the good of our community and for the ability to supply us at lowest rates. Foreign tailors are patronized and home tailors slighted. Northern papers and magazines are taken and Southern papers neglected. Anything at a distance is preferred to that which is near. The spirit extends to the products of all callings and the representatives of all professions. Local prosperity requires local loyalty. This does not mean anything that is unreasonable. Those who wish to understand the right course, can do so without difficulty.

TO THE EDITORS OF NORTH CAROLINA—Gentlemen: Your influence is great and your responsibility is very great. Please beg our nominating conventions, everywhere, to give us candidates who fear God enough to keep sober and abstain from profanity.

This is a strange card. It seems to intimate that this christian people is guilty of disregarding the warning of God against conferring advantages upon those who are wanting in respect for themselves and their fellow citizens, and in reverence for God. Who ever heard of a drunkard, or a blasphemer, or a gambler, or a liquor-seller, or a horse-racer, or a licentious man being elected to office in North Carolina? Isn't it known that the pious people of all the churches invariably refuse to vote for any but moral men? Has not the first question about a candidate always been, "Is he a proper man to be held up as a model to the young and dependent?" Do not the godly men always stand firm and say that they intend to show that their political feelings are not stronger than their sense of duty to their God? Do they not pray to God to give us godly rulers, and then in conventions

and elections do just as their prayers would indicate? We pause for a reply.

Mr. Betts' respectful appeal may be ridiculed by the men of the world, but it is surely a reasonable remonstrance against the down right inconsistency and practical hypocrisy of a vast number of professed christians who throw away their principles as soon as they touch the subject of politics. "When the wicked rule, the people mourn." If we choose the wicked for our rulers, when there are plenty of godly men to fill all of our offices well, we defy God and must suffer the consequences God alone knows what we all have lost and what evils we have encountered, because we have been so flagrantly unfaithful in this respect.

THE UNIVERSITY NORMAL SCHOOL—PROFESSOR HENRY E. SHEPHERD, A. M., SUPERINTENDENT.

The next session of the Normal School will begin on the 24th of June, and end on the 29th of July next. Prof. Henry E. Shepherd has been chosen Superintendent. We congratulate the Board of Education and the teachers of the State on this happy selection. Prof. Shepherd enjoys a national reputation as a scholar, a teacher, and a superintendent of school work. His "History of the English Language" is a charming book, full of thought and power and learning. He is now Superintendent of all the public schools in the city of Baltimore, a position that alone would stamp him as a man of eminent talent and learning. It is with pardonable pride that we welcome Prof. Shepherd; for he is a North Carolinian. His father was that most estimable man and learned Judge, Jesse G. Shepherd, of Fayetteville.

PROF. JOHN J. LADD.

This gentleman has endeared himself to a large circle of friends among the teachers of North Carolina. His lectures before the Normal Schools over which he presided will not soon be forgotten. Prof. Ladd is sui generis. We learn that he is now Superintendent of the Normal School this year. He has transferred his labors to Arkansas where he will stir up the educational world.

THE Wilmington Star says: "We note with real pleasure the very uncommon gift for the South of \$50,000 to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. It is not often that Southern men of wealth bestow much of their gifts in building up institutions, secular or religious. Gov. Brown has set an admirable example. The large bestowment will place firmly on its foundations one of the most useful and thorough institutions in our country. The Professors are all men of ability and learning. We would be delighted to record some large benefactions to our cherished University, and to the three leading denominational colleges. We could name a dozen or twenty men who could afford to help endow one or more of our chief literary centres to the amount of \$10,000, \$20,000 or more. Who will set the example in this State?"

WE SEE that some unkind things have been said of Hon. A. S. Merrimon because he did, as he had a right to do, oppose the passage of the Best bill for the purchase of the Western North Carolina Railroad. The LEDGER favored the passage of the bill from the beginning, but it did not feel called upon to abuse men of more ability, and, perhaps, better judgment than ourselves, because they were honestly opposed to the measure. A. S. Merrimon is a North Carolina statesman, a christian gentleman, worthy of any office within the gift of the people, and such low "flings" as some people delight to make at him only endear him the more to the good, the law-loving people of the Old North State.

THE Legislature, after selling the Western N. C. R. R., adjourned on Monday last. Hon. Josiah Turner was expelled from his seat in the House of Representatives, on Friday night previous to adjournment.

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES, JR., son of the President, has been spending a few days in Chapel Hill. This young gentleman is a member of the Senior Class of Cornell University. He is very much interested in Botany, and studied under Dr. Simonds when the latter was professor at Ithaca. He is making a collection of Southern plants and flowers, and carried away with him specimens of the laurel, jessamine and other species now blooming in our woods and fields. Mr. Hayes enjoyed the hospitality of Dr. Simonds and his charming lady.

THE State University Railroad surveyors have reached here with the located line. Capt. Fry, chief engineer of the Richmond & Danville Railroad, has conducted the survey with much skill and expedition. Capt. Williamson, of Lexington, Va., has managed the Transit and kept all hands in a good humor. Mr. Willie Hooker, of Richmond, Va., as front rodman, has been the pioneer of the road, pushing forward with his two axemen, through wood, brush and briar; while Mr. McDowell and his rodman, Mr. Weaver, have brought up the rear with the Level. The Messrs. Weaver, as chainmen, have completed the party. That which is of great interest to us, the location of the depot, however, has not yet been determined.

STATE NEWS.

R. H. Flemming, of Granville, sold a barn of tobacco for \$70.99 per hundred pounds average.

Raleigh Visitor: Hon. S. S. Cox, of New York, will deliver the address before the Alumni of Trinity College in June next.

Salem Press: The prospect for an abundant crop of fruits and berries is certainly very flattering. The peach and cherry trees are in full bloom, but the apple trees are backward.

Statesville Landmark: It is an interesting fact, and one perhaps not generally known, that the Siamese twins used to have frequent fights. They were indicted for one of these, at a term of Surry court some time before they died, submitted for an affray and judgment was suspended upon payment of costs. This is a matter of record. Before the war the twins were great secessionists, they took no interest in politics and did not go to the polls, though they did come out and vote for Major Robbins the second time he ran for Congress.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

A LUNATIC'S BRAINS BLOWN OUT BY AN ENRAGED HUSBAND. The account of a most horrible tragedy, which occurred in Onslow county a few days ago, has just reached this city. A man who had been considered a lunatic, but whose lunacy was of such mild type that heretofore he has been inoffensive, went to the farm house of Mr. Rhodes and asked that gentleman to assist him in grinding a knife. Mr. Rhodes was busy at the time and could not give his attention to the lunatic, whereupon the lunatic rushed upon him, and with the knife cut a deep gash from his neck all the way down the back. Mr. Rhodes immediately turned upon his crazy assailant, when the lunatic commenced cutting him in the face and breast. The loss of blood and pains from his many wounds caused Mr. Rhodes to fall, but in doing so he called a negro boy to his assistance. The boy came up with a pitchfork in his hand, and the lunatic turning his attention from the wounded man, rushed upon the lad, wrenching the pitchfork from his hands and plunging the prongs entirely through his body. He then again assailed the wounded man with his knife, and was continuing to cut and slash his body, when Mrs. Rhodes rushed out. The lunatic picked up the pitchfork and made a dash for her, when Mr. Rhodes called to the

wounded boy to bring him his gun. The gun was handed him, and he discharged a very heavy charge of powder and ball into the head of the crazy man, killing him almost instantly. Mr. Rhodes was literally cut to pieces, but as none of the wounds, fortunately, had been inflicted in a vital spot, it is thought he will eventually recover, while it is believed to be an impossibility for the boy to survive.

IMPORTANT TO ADMINISTRATORS AND EXECUTORS.

We would call the attention of Administrators and Executors to a very important matter connected with their duties. By reference to the law, as contained in sections 45 and 46 of chapter 45 of Battle's Revision, it will be seen that it is the duty of all administrators and executors to give notice to all persons holding claims against their estates to exhibit them before a certain day, and such notice must be posted at the court house and at four other public places in the county, or be published in the County newspaper. The reason this notice is required is to enable the administrator or executor to settle up the estate, and the claims of all creditors not presented within the time prescribed in the notice are barred. If an administrator or executor pays out any money without giving this notice he renders himself personally liable to the other creditors, and even if he gives notice he still must prove it, and if these notices are posted up at four places (instead of being published in the county paper) the law says he must prove it by "a witness stating the times and places when and where he saw such notice posted." Now, we ask how many administrators are able to furnish such proof of their compliance with the law? In this connection we copy the following from the Milton Chronicle: "We know of a case, in which the Administrator would have had \$8,000 to pay had he not advertised in a newspaper, which he was able to show by producing the editor's files. How many Administrators five, ten or twenty years back—who were too parsimonious to advertise in a paper—could to-day show that they advertised according to law? Not one out of five hundred. And the legatees and creditors can, if so disposed, go back on all unable to make the showing." So that, if administrators and executors wish to be on the safe side they had better publish their notices in the county paper, for they can so easily prove such publication and fully protect themselves from any future trouble. And besides it is fairer to creditors, for who ever reads all the badly written and worse spelled notices that are stuck up at cross roads and grogeries?

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