

POLITICAL SOCIETIES.—A FALSEHOOD CORRECTED.

We are authorized to state that it is not true, as circulated about the streets by a few designing persons, that Gov. Ellis said, in a conversation, "he did not wish the support of any working men of Raleigh."

What Gov. Ellis says, is, that he does not desire to call to his aid any political Society. All such Societies he regards as injurious to public liberty.

1st. Their addresses and papers passed mainly into the hands of oppositionists, from the keeping of members of the Association, after the Democratic Convention.

2d. They have been circulated through the mails recently, in various parts of the State, to effect political results. In the East, they made their appearance in each county, just after Gov. Ellis had left.

3rd. Some of these papers were mailed in Raleigh by leading members of the Association, of which there is undeniable proof, since the nomination of Gov. Ellis.

With these facts, and some others that might be named, but which we forbear naming for the present, Gov. Ellis is no longer kept in doubt but that some of the leading members of this society are controlling the influence of the society to affect injuriously his election.

As he does not desire to bring to his own support the influence of any such societies, he is determined to expose their operations to the people, wherever he finds their influence urged to effect his defeat.

4th. The people be upon their guard against all such movements. Justice and fair dealing is all that Gov. Ellis desires. He is open in the advocacy of the principles of the democratic party, and all he asks is fair and open opposition by those who do oppose him; no underwork; no backhanded support—that is worse than open opposition.

A CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Sirs—As several designing persons have perverted and misrepresented a conversation that I had with you, relative to a political society in the town of Raleigh, called the "Wake County Working Men's Association," I will be much obliged to you, if you will furnish me with a statement of the conversation, for public use.

Hon. John W. Ellis—Dear Sir: Yours of this morning in which you state that, "as several designing persons have perverted and misrepresented a conversation that I (you) had with you, (me) relative to a political society in the town of Raleigh, called the "Wake County Working Men's Association," (I) (you) would be obliged to you (me) if you (I) would furnish me (you) with a statement of the conversation for public use."

On Friday afternoon I was standing on the State House steps, in conversation with several gentlemen, when you approached. I had in my hand two volumes of the Journal of the Legislature. You made some remarks about the "look" when I replied that I had obtained them for the purpose of examining our legislative record.

You answered: "you will find that all right—but there is one thing which is not right, and that is the manner which I—yourself—have been treated by the "Working Men's Association of Wake County." Wherever I have gone, I have found that somebody has been stabbing me in the back, by the circulation of the "Address published by that Association. On my return to Raleigh, I ascertained that Frank I. Wilson was the man, who had been sending off the addresses, "or at least a part of them. I am determined in this campaign, to meet my enemies face to face, and I shall renounce them from the stump on the first occasion that presents itself, and you may say to Mr. Pool, that I desire an opportunity to do so; and that if he will refer to the address of the Association, at Smithfield, it will denounce them worse than you ever heard of."

On the subject of our conversation, I do not pretend to say that I have given the very words used, though I think I have used the very words, in the most material parts.

I understood that your remarks were confined to the "Working Men's Association of Wake County." As any misrepresentation of the conversation would reflect upon me as well as you, I have retained a copy of this note, in order to make publication of its contents, if necessary for my protection.

FOREIGN NEWS. CAPE RACE, April 23.—The steamship Australia, which sailed from Liverpool on the 11th instant, was boarded of this point to-day.

Heenan, the American prize fighter, was arrested and held to bail for £500 to keep the peace.—Bell's life was quite indignant at his capture, attributing it to Heenan and his companions going to a place where his arrest was almost certain. The same journal subsequently, however, exonerated Heenan from all blame. It was thought that the fight would certainly come off on the 10th.

In Hungary there had been an anti-Austrian demonstration at the Capitol on the occasion of the funeral of a student who died in consequence of injuries received from the police in the recent disturbance. Six thousand people followed the corpse with patriotic outcries.

The German States of the Rhine were making special defensive preparations. The insurrection was spreading in Sicily. There were insurrectionary movements in Naples. The rebels occupied a convent which was carried by assaulting the royal troops—and they were all captured.

MECKLENBURG Democratic County Convention.

According to previous notice a Convention of the Democracy of Mecklenburg County met in the Court House on Tuesday, the 24th April, 1860, for the purpose of nominating candidates to represent the County in the next General Assembly.

On motion of Jno. E. Brown, Dr. Jos. W. Ross was appointed Chairman, and Dr. T. C. Neel and W. J. Kerr were requested to act as Secretaries.

At the request of the chairman, S. P. Smith, Esq., explained the object of the meeting.

On motion of Wm. Ren, all democrats present were invited to act with the delegates from their respective beats.

On motion, the names of the delegates from the different Districts were then recorded as follows: CHARLOTTE—Dr. J. M. Miller, J. E. Brown, John Hart, W. A. Owens, S. P. Smith, W. J. Kerr, J. B. Clanton, D. B. Ren, A. A. Kerley, H. S. Miller, S. J. Lowrie, A. C. Steele, John, the Campbell, Alexander.

CLEAR CREEK—N. A. Harrison, A. H. Hood, J. C. Flow, D. M. Russell, D. W. Miller, W. Beaver, Robt. Simpson, J. C. Dennis, R. H. Wellington, D. W. Flow, H. N. Beaver, J. M. W. Flow, Robt. Wilson, Amey Wilson.

BERYHILL'S—T. B. Price, Jos. Tagert, B. F. Brown, Robert Stone, Alex Cooper.

SHARON—Dr. J. W. Ross, T. N. Alexander, Wm P Robinson, J. B. Stewart, Wm Reid.

DEWEES—W. G. Barnett, W. B. Orburn, D. N. McAuley, J. H. Hux, Richard Beard.

PAN CREEK—S. H. Todd, John McCord, Jas Summer, W. G. Campbell.

STEELE CREEK—Dr. J. M. Strong, J. S. Neely, R. S. Warren, Jas Edwin, Z. A. Greer, R. S. Swan, R. B. Lowrie, J. G. Price, Dr. J. S. Sloan.

MALLARD CREEK—B. H. Garrison, D. Thompson, Anderson, J. S. Wallace, Jas Bigham.

PROVIDENCE—Wm Ren, J. B. Robinson, W. T. Stitt, J. N. Ross, H. H. Peoples, A. L. DeArmond, W. M. Matthews.

CRAB ORCHARD—Williamson Wallace, J. Sample Davis, W. C. Morris, W. McCombs, Maj James Wilson, T. P. Rodgers, Wm Carter, Wilson Wallace, M. W. Miller, W. Lee Houston, G. W. Houston, W. McCombs.

LONG CREEK—David Allen.

On motion of W. M. Matthews, it was resolved, that in making nominations, each beat except the Charlotte beat be entitled to one vote, and that the Charlotte beat be entitled to two; and that a majority of the beats represented be necessary to make a nomination.

Thos. B. Price offered the following resolution: Whereas we, the democratic delegates representing our respective Beats, have assembled together, in County Convention for the purpose of nominating candidates to represent Mecklenburg County in the next General Assembly; and believing that by fairly constituted conventions the choice of the people can be best ascertained, therefore

Resolved, That we will give the nominees of this Convention a zealous and hearty support.

FALSE CHARGES REFUTED.

The Raleigh Register, upon the authority of the report in the Murtrees' Southern, of the discussion at Gatesville, charges Gov. Ellis with having voted against the bill to establish the Lunatic or Insane Asylum. This charge is very far from being true.

The fact is Gov. Ellis introduced the memorial of Miss Dix for the establishment of the Insane Asylum, moved that it be sent to the Senate, and twelve copies be printed for each member, and that it be referred to a joint select committee of seven from each House.

On the 13th of the same month Gov. Ellis was elected Judge, and soon after resigned his seat. The bill was afterwards passed into a law, and under it the noble structure on Dix Hill was erected.

Now these facts are all familiar to us, and we have no occasion to refer to the Journal to refresh our memory. We have done so, however, for the benefit of our neighbor of the Register, who has been led into this error from a want of knowledge of the facts.

In the same issue of the Register may be found much twaddle about Gov. Ellis having charged the West with rapacity, &c. All this will avail nothing. The West knows John W. Ellis, and she knows too that she never had a son more devoted to her interest than he is.

We learn from Maj. J. C. Turner, Engineer in-Chief of the Western N. C. Railroad Company, that the experimental line of survey has just been completed from the mouth of the Swannanoa river, in the French Broad valley, through to the Tennessee line near the Ducktown copper mines.

The best thing I have heard in the way of a joke was from one of the boys, told with all solemnity and with every appearance of truth, and seemingly by one in authority. It was to the effect, that there is not, nor never has been, in fact, such a person as Cortinas, the Mexican outlaw; that the accredited Cortinas of the Rio Grande was no less a personage than Gen. Wm. Walker, of Nicaraguan notoriety, at the head of his own men, sustained by a few Mexican liberals, making a sham foray upon our people on this side the Rio Grande, the object being to bring on a collision between the U. S. troops and the Mexican troops by the former crossing over into Mexican territory; that the matter was well known and understood by every American on the Rio Grande, except the U. S. troops, the policy being to keep the U. S. government ignorant of the ruse which Walker was playing; that there was no truth in the alleged killing of Americans by Cortinas and his band; that they now have at the mouth of the Rio Grande three vessels loaded with munitions of war; that large numbers of men were daily rendezvousing at or near Brownsville, and by the 1st of July hoped to strike a decisive blow in the conquest of the department of Tamaulipas, lying contiguous to the United States, from whence they might strike, through their own ports, Cuba and Central America; that the order (the K. G. O.'s) is co-extensive with the Southern States; that no man is allowed membership unless he was born in one of the Southern slave States, which of course excludes foreigners. I give you this for what it is worth. Much of it is true; but the Cortinas portion I confess smells a little fishy.

The weather here is exceedingly warm, and the farmers stand much in need of rain to push forward their corn, now up and worked fine, and also to bring up their Cotton, most of which is already in the ground. This and all the Western rivers are falling fast.

THE AD VALOREM HUMBUG. Every \$12,000 paid into the State Treasury being entitled to a Senator, it is exceedingly easy to show, that under a system of taxation which would draw the State revenue from real and personal estate only, including slaves, and abolish specific taxation altogether, the West would be reduced in the Senate to 13 or 14 members, and our State would exhibit the extraordinary spectacle of an intelligent people transferring their government from the majority to a privileged class of wealthy slave-owners; and this is what the Opposition propose to do by this ad valorem conspiracy and humbug.

According to the comptroller's report, the thirty-seven eastern counties we have named, contain 92,218 slaves, between the ages of 12 and 50. We take it their average value cannot be less than \$1,000 each. According to the census of 1850, the same counties then contained some 80,000 slaves under 12 years of age, and 60,000 over the age of 50; at the usual rates of their increase there are now 185,000 slaves of this class, in this part of the State, whose average value is \$500. The value of the town and country land, and farming utensils in the same section is \$27,769,111.

We possess no means of estimating the value of Eastern property in horses, cattle, ships, staves, other vessels, machinery, books, plate, pianos, carriages, &c. This can hardly be less than fifteen or twenty millions more, and taking all together, we estimate the property of the East subject to ad valorem taxation, at three hundred and fifty millions of dollars, which, at the rates of taxation proposed by the ad valoremists, would yield an annual revenue of \$385,000, and at the ratio of the present basis of representation, entitle that section of the State to thirty-two senators.

The injustice of this to the West as well as to the East, is apparent. It would increase the taxes of the latter upwards of \$90,000, without bestowing any greater political privileges upon or on the Legislature, and it would degrade the free white men of the State, a majority of whom are in the west, by creating in our midst the most odious of all oligarchies—an aristocracy of wealth,—and seriously endanger the institution of slavery, and drive the owners of slaves to seek a more profitable field for their labor in other States.—Rat. Press.

CHOLERA IN THE EAST INDIES.—The number of deaths from cholera, on the Malabar coast, East Indies, during January, has been awful. Of 5,043 cases attacked, 4,428 died.

FOR THE DEMOCRAT.

Pursuant to notice, the delegates from the Counties composing the Senatorial District of Gaston, Lincoln and Catawba, met at the Court House in Lincoln on Tuesday the 24th of April, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent said District in the next Legislature.

On motion of David Schenck, Esq., of Gaston, Henry Canler, Esq., of Lincoln was appointed Chairman, and M. L. Cline of Catawba, and J. G. Lewis of Gaston, were appointed Secretaries.

On motion the chairman appointed the following Committee to report business for the action of the Democratic party, and whereas it is usual to express opinions on political subjects, therefore resolved:

1. That we fully endorse our State platform, and pledge ourselves to its support.

2. That we fully concur in the unanimous nomination of our talented and patriotic Governor for reelection.

3. That we will support the nominee of the Charleston Convention.

4. That we recommend that in this Convention each county vote for its own candidates, and that the candidate having a majority of the votes be the nominee.

The report of the Committee was unanimously adopted, and the balloting commenced, and at the close of the first ballot, JASPER STOWE, Esq., of Lincoln, had a majority of all the votes cast; whereupon, on motion of Gen Wm J. Hoke, his nomination was made unanimous by the Convention.

On motion, the chairman appointed D. Schenck and James G. Lewis, a committee to inform Mr. Stowe of his nomination and to request his acceptance of the same. The committee performed their duty by introducing Mr. Stowe to the Convention, who made a short address, accepting the nomination, and returning his thanks for the high honor and respect which they had conferred upon him.

On motion, it was resolved that the Chairman appoint an Executive Committee of three persons; whereupon the following were appointed: W. J. Hoke, Wm Lander and M. L. Cline, Esq., of Catawba, it was ordered that the proceedings of this Convention be sent to the Editors of the Western Democrat for publication, and that other papers friendly to the cause be requested to copy. The Convention adjourned sine die.

CHASE OF A SLAVER.—Terrible Result.—An American vessel, of Baltimore build, was chased on the 14th of February, off the coast of Africa, by a British vessel and a Portuguese steamer. The master of the slaver, seeing no chance for escape, headed her for the rocks. A leaser says: Just before sundown, the Portuguese gave him the contents of several thirty-two pounders, which brought his foremast down, and, as it was blowing almost a gale of wind, his jibboom followed directly after. However, the fellow stopped for nothing, and, just as night set in, drove her high on the rocks off Cape Lopez, the Portuguese steamer by that time being in close range, but the Gloucester was far behind. Those on board the other steamer, however, describe the scene as truly heart rending.

As the big truck, and was overwhelmed by the breakers, the poor miserable creatures on board, probably to the number of five hundred, set up a howl of despair that could be heard even above the roaring of the hungry sea. But it was too dark, by that time, to see much, and beyond human skill or power to aid the drowning wretches, so that they soon must have met their doom; for the next morning the beach inside of the rocks was strewn with corpses and the fragments of the wreck. Nothing was found, however, to reveal the name of the slaver, or any other information concerning him, save that to the practised seaman who manned the vessel are supposed to have escaped in their boats before she struck, and must have gained the shore, as a boat, somewhat stove, was discovered on the beach, with the oars near by. A good prize was thus lost, and what is worse, probably five hundred human beings were launched into eternity.

THE NORTH CAROLINA WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS. Will be opened for Visitors by the first of June. They are situated in a most healthy mountainous country, near the beautiful Catalina river, within three or four hours' ride of the present terminus of the Western N. C. Railroad, with which daily lines of Omnibuses and Stage Coaches connect the Springs.

PLEASURE VEHICLES and superior SADDLE HORSES will be at the call of guests.

BOWLING ALLEYS and Billiard Saloons. A FINE BAND OF MUSICIANS engaged for the season, and Quadrille and Collation Parties each evening FREE OF EXTRA CHARGE.

The buildings are new and spacious—the Pleasure Grounds extensive; and in fine everything wished for as at the best watering places, will be found here to refresh the inner man and to cheer the spirits.

The extended Reputation and the Additional Properties of the Waters (almost inaccessible before the completion of the Western N. C. Railroad) now hail the sick and afflicted with a cordial welcome. The experience of the Proprietor justifies the seeker of health or pleasure in anticipating a "good time" completely enjoyed.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.—On Tuesday last, Ex-Gov. McMullen, of Washington county, Va., came near being killed in consequence of a collision with the Va. and Tennessee Railroad coming in collision with a horse which he was riding, and which was killed instantly. The Lynchburg Republican says: It seems that near Marion, in Smythe county, Gov. McMullen had crossed the railroad track on horseback, about 100 yards above the train, which was running at the rate of twenty miles an hour, but the horse becoming frightened, was ungovernable, and managed to get on the track just as the train came up. The consequence was that the cow-catcher struck the horse, instantly killing him, but with great presence of mind Gov. McMullen, at the time of the accident, jumped from the horse's back on to the cow-catcher, where securing a hold, he maintained a position until the train was stopped and he was rescued from his perilous position. The escape of the Governor from instant death is certainly most remarkable, and is attributed solely to his great calmness in the moment of danger; all who witnessed the accident testified that he was as composed and unmoved as if an actor in some trivial occurrence.

Candidates for Sheriff.

We are requested to announce ROBERT H. MAXWELL as a candidate for Sheriff of Mecklenburg county at the ensuing election.

We are requested to announce ALLEN H. BROWN as a candidate for Sheriff of Mecklenburg county at the ensuing election.

We are requested to announce STEPHEN J. BERRY HILL as a candidate for Sheriff of Mecklenburg county at the ensuing election.

We are requested to announce W. W. GRIER as a candidate for Sheriff of Mecklenburg county at the ensuing election.

We are requested to announce SAM'L A. HARRIS as a candidate for Sheriff of Mecklenburg county at the ensuing election.

We are requested to announce WILLIAM MAXWELL, Esq., as a candidate for Sheriff of Mecklenburg county. Election first Thursday in August next.

We are requested to announce R. M. WHITE as a candidate for Sheriff of Mecklenburg county at the ensuing election.

We are requested to announce JOAB P. SMITH as a candidate for Sheriff of Mecklenburg county at the ensuing election.

We are requested to announce JAMES WALLACE as a candidate for Sheriff of Mecklenburg county at the ensuing election.

FOR SALE. If not previously sold, I will sell at the Public Square, on Tuesday of Superior Court, a NEGRO WOMAN, about 22 years old, a good cook, washer and ironer. S. A. HARRIS, Agt. April 17, 1860.

Notice. All Persons indebted to the Firm of BOONE & CO., are requested to call at once upon our Attorney SAMUEL P. SMITH, Esq., in whose hands we have placed our Notes and Accounts for collection, and settle without delay. BOONE & CO. April 17, 1860.

TAKEN UP. And committed to the Jail of Mecklenburg county, on the 8th inst., a negro man who says his name is JACK and belongs to a Mr. McLintock of New Orleans. He has been runaway about 6 years. Said negro is about 46 years old, copper color, 5 feet 10 inches high. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs. R. C. GRIER, Sheriff. April 17, 1860.

Private Surgical Hospital. We, the undersigned, having opened a private Surgical Infirmary, in the town of Charlotte, are now prepared to furnish comfortable quarters to those Patients from a distance who may require our professional services in the treatment of Surgical diseases.

Quinn's Rheumatic Remedy. Has effected cures of Rheumatism that were considered hopeless, certificates to prove which can be exhibited. The suffering are invited to give the medicine a trial. Orders addressed to the undersigned at Charlotte will receive prompt attention. W. W. QUINN. April 10, 1860. Price \$1.50 per bottle.

LAND FOR SALE. The subscriber being desirous of removing West, offers for sale his PLANTATION, situated ten miles west of Charlotte, on the waters of Paw Creek and Catawba River. The tract comprises 320 Acres, more or less, and is well improved, with a good Dwelling and all necessary out-houses on the premises. Terms liberal. Also, will be sold a half interest in a Grist and Saw Mill adjoining the above tract. WM. M. PORTER. April 17, 1860.

O. S. BALDWIN, WILMINGTON, N. C. Has secured the services of a CUTTER FROM PARIS, whose taste and ability, either on civic or military work will be appreciated by gentlemen who desire to keep pace with the maturing of Fashion.

MILITARY SCHOOLS. Desiring any style of Uniforms, can have the same made in the most satisfactory manner at lowest rates. We are prepared to furnish uniforms for schools entire. O. S. BALDWIN, N. C. April 17, 1860.

COUNTRY MERCHANTS. Can find the largest stock of TRUNKS in North or South Carolina, at O. S. BALDWIN'S Agency for the great Metropolitan Trunk Manufactory, Wilmington, N. C. \$5,000 worth of sole leather TRAVELING TRUNKS, made to special order, and warranted superior to any others in the market—at ten per cent. advance from manufacturer's prices—now landing from various schooners.