

Mr Leak's Circular.

We have been requested to publish the following circular: TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF N. CAROLINA.

I owe it to myself, as well as to the party with whom it has been my pride and boast to have acted through life, to make the following statement of facts justifying my present position before the public, not doubting that upon a candid review of the whole ground, it will be seen by all unprejudiced minds, that whatever of schism may be produced in our party by the recent nomination of the State Central Committee, cannot rightfully be attributable either to myself or friends.

having authorized by resolution, the providing for any such contingency, the exercise of this right was nothing but a naked assumption of power, without any responsibility whatever.

In truth, the Convention had no power to give; they were themselves but the reflection of the people, and when they had nominated, their power was at an end.

March 19, 1846.

THE RICHMOND RENCONTRE—TESTIMONY BEFORE THE JURY OF INQUEST.

The Experts of Evidence before the Coroner's Jury.

William H. McFarland being duly sworn testified—that he was with the deceased just before his death; heard deceased in conversation with Dr. Warner; Dr. Warner enquired of the deceased if he understood him to have drawn the ball from one of his pistols, the deceased replied, yes, yes; Dr. Warner enquired when? To this there was no reply.

Dr. Warner being sworn testified—that on the night previous to the meeting, he was spoken to by Mr. Thomas J. Deane, to attend next morning, professionally. He went and saw Pleasants, and stated to him that he had come to understand the circumstances of the case.

On the 9th of March I visited Anson Superior Court, when and where I again made it known that I was a candidate.

On the 12th of March, John W. Ellis and Judge Strange, two of the Central Committee, at my request again addressed a letter to the Editor of the Standard. The letters were handed to Mr. Guion of the city of Raleigh, and by him I presume were delivered at least by the 15th.

On my return home from Anson Court, I found a letter from the Editor of the Standard, dated the 5th of March. He acknowledged the receipt of my two letters, but said nothing about my letter of acceptance, which I know he must have received, for both letters referred to it.

In conclusion, it will be seen whether the Democratic party of the State, the men who do the battles of Democracy at the ballot boxes, who neither seek or desire office, will suffer to be put down an humble individual, who, under every variety of shade, has been true to their principles, or whether they are mere puppets, in the hands of political wire-workers in and about the city of Raleigh, who now, as heretofore, really seem impressed with the belief that Raleigh, like Paris, is the State, and that every citizen must bow to their dictation.

with a curved handle; before deceased died he was asked by witness why he did not stop when called upon; he replied 'it was too late.' Asked if he heard any one giving directions, he replied he heard Scott tell Ritchie when to shoot, to shoot low now, to shoot high, to draw his sword.

Dr. John Cullen being duly sworn testified—that he attended a short time on the deceased before he died; the deceased frequently said he would not recover; the deceased said his object was not to kill Ritchie, but to prove he was no coward; the deceased said he had drawn the low from one of his pistols the preceding night, that a Mr. Scott was behind a tree, and told when Ritchie was to shoot, and directed him when to draw his sword; that the deceased was asked if he had drawn his sword from his cane, he replied, 'he could not say, but thought he did not; the deceased inferred some one drew it, as it was bent; the deceased referred to Mr. Ritchie, without saying what Ritchie; the deceased was asked if he heard Greenhow call him back as he was advancing towards Ritchie, he replied he did not attend to it, but advanced, as it was then too late.

Thomas Tyler, Gun Smith, being duly sworn testified—that he prepared some pistols for Mr. Archer, that Pleasants and Archer were both present; that he prepared five; two pair of duelling pistols and a revolving pistol; that he loaded them, that Pleasants and Archer informed him that they were to be used in a rencounter with Ritchie; that it was not for a duel, but a rencounter; that he furnished also a bowie knife, that the arms were sent to Pleasants' room.

Calvin Redford being sworn testified—that he was coming from Manchester, where he resides, to his work, that a fight was going on near the factory; that he heard the firing; that a ball from Pleasants' pistol came down and struck a stable not far from him; that Pleasants kept walking towards Ritchie; that there was a young man present named Allen Burnett who works where he does.

Dr. P. W. Brown being sworn testified—that the evening before the affair, Greenhow called at his office and told him Mr. Ritchie wanted him to attend a patient in the morning and to bring his surgical instruments; that he was not told what for, that he was to be ready in time; that he went in a carriage to a place near the cotton factory, where Ritchie, Greenhow and Scott got out; that soon after he heard a report of pistols; that he looked and saw persons run together, but he could not distinguish the persons; that soon Ritchie came running towards the carriage, when he got out and saw Ritchie bleeding. Then Ritchie asked him to examine to see if he was hurt. Ritchie had an injury on the upper lip; that he proposed to go and assist the other parties; Ritchie told him there was no need of that, as Dr. Warner was there. They got into the carriage and came over to Richmond. Inquest held February 27, 1846.

Mr Ritchie has voluntarily surrendered himself to the proper authorities, to stand trial.

DANL. O'CONNELL.—The following paragraph, concerning O'Connell, is from a London correspondent of the Liverpool Chronicle:— Daniel O'Connell is breaking up; he no longer treads the ground firmly, and walks fast with carriage debonnaire. "Poor Dan's a cold," and creeps along with chin resting on breast-bone, or would rest there but for the ample folds which pillow it up and keep him warm. I never saw such a change in a human being as that which O'Connell presented yesterday in the Strand, compared with the hardy and active man of last year.

We very much regret to state that the Scarlet Fever is prevailing rather extensively among children in Wilmington. Several cases have proved fatal. It is also prevailing, we learn through the papers, in the western part of this State, and in other States of the Union.—Wilmington Chronicle.

THE MORMONS.—We have received a copy of a 'circular of the high council' of twelve, dated at the city of Nauvoo on the 12th of January, which announces to the faithful that "we intend to send out into the western country from this place, some time in the early part of the month of March, a company of pioneers, consisting mostly of young hardy men, with some families. These are destined to be furnished with an ample outfit, taking with them a printing press, farming utensils of all kinds, with mill irons and bolting cloths, seeds of all kinds, grain, &c."

While Brigham Young was preaching in the Mormon Temple lately, the weight of the audience was so great that the timbers gave way with a loud crash like the report of fire-arms. The alarm and confusion was tremendous. Some of the Saints broke out of the windows and leaped to the ground. One man had his shoulder fractured, and others were badly hurt in thus attempting to escape. The crowd, however, succeeded in escaping before any very serious injury was done to the building. Our informant, says the Warsaw Signal estimates the damage at from \$500 to \$1000.—True Sun.

We learn, says the Warsaw Signal of the 4th inst., that the Saints took up their line of march from their encampment in Iowa, on Saturday morning last. About 2000 went along.

TERRIBLE CALAMITY AT BUFFALO.—We are informed that Buffalo was visited by a fearful calamity on the 14th, at 7 o'clock. About that time the ice in the creek gave way and came down like a perfect avalanche, carrying every thing before it. Between the foot of Main street and the lake, there were some 15 or 20 canal boats, every one of which had disappeared, no one knew whether, but it is supposed, were jammed together between the steamboats and completely demolished. The steamers United States, Wisconsin, Chataque, Frankfort, Indian Queen, and two or three others, are greatly injured. The Chataque had the upper works entirely carried away and torn to pieces.

ARITHMETIC AND ALGEBRA.—Many of the public prints have lately spoken of a new arithmetical prodigy, wholly eclipsing the once marvelous fame of Zerach Colburn, named Peter Deshong, twenty-four years of age, who has suddenly emerged from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, to "astonish the weak minds" of the statisticians, public accountants and other numerical philosophers of Washington.

But the most remarkable point in this case, and one which strikingly distinguishes it above that of Colburn, and all other dependent upon mere phenological development or individual psychology, is the fact asserted by the Union, that "he has analyzed the process by which he arrives at his conclusions and is prepared to teach it to his pupils in half an hour, for \$10." It is added that he also proposes to teach it in a new system of arithmetic. If this be really so, it is a case of the highest mathematical interest and general importance, and that it may be so, no one can doubt who is acquainted with the facilities in calculation derived from the discovery of logarithms—by means of which, in many astronomical questions at least, as much may be achieved in five minutes as can be effected, by ordinary methods, in as many hours.

INFORMATION WANTED. Mrs Mary Oliver, near Rollin's Store P.O. Moore county, N. C., requests us to notice the disappearance of her son, John Oliver, who left home on the 17th ult. and has not since been heard of. He was subject to fits, and his mind was impaired, being constantly possessed with the idea that some person was pursuing him to shoot him, &c. He is about 31 or 32 years old, weighs 170 or 180, is well proportioned, strong, hale, and hearty looking. Before he was afflicted he had been to Alabama, and other places, and has recently talked of going to Tennessee.

DEATH OF JUDGE CHASE.—The Hon. Dudley Chase died at his residence in Randolph, Vermont, on the 22d of February, aged 74 years. He was speaker of the House of Representatives, from the year 1808 to and including the session of 1812, when he was elected a Senator in Congress for six years. In 1817, he was made Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He held that office four years, and resigned it in 1821. At the session of 1824, he was again elected to the United States Senate; and having served out his time, he declined a re-election, and retired from public life in 1830. He was a brother of Bishop Chase.

MEETING IN ROBESON. At a meeting of a portion of the Democratic party of Robeson county, held in the Court House in Lumberton on Wednesday the 25th March, (being Court week,) for the purpose of responding to the nomination of Walter F. Leak as a candidate for Governor of the State, Maj. Alex. Watson was called to the Chair, and Col. Alex. McMillan and Benj. Freeman were appointed Secretaries.

On motion of Thos. A. Norment, Esq. to appoint a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of this meeting, the following gentlemen were appointed, viz: T A Norment, Eli Wishart, John J. Sellers, and Malcom Smith, Esq.s., who after retiring a short time reported the following: Resolved, That we have full confidence in the integrity and ability of Walter F. Leak, Esq., of Richmond, and do heartily respond to, and approve his nomination heretofore made by other counties for the high and responsible office of Governor of our State, and that we will use all honorable means to elect him.

Resolved, That we see with regret that a portion of the Central Committee at Raleigh have nominated James B Shepard of that city for the same office, and that after knowing Mr Leak had been nominated in public meetings by several counties and that he had accepted the nomination, and was in the field. This being the situation of affairs, we hope Mr Shepard will withdraw from the canvass. Such yielding would benefit Mr Shepard hereafter and unite the party; but a different course will defeat both gentlemen.

Resolved, That we highly approve the course of our most excellent President in all his public acts since he has been in office, and feel proud of the high and honorable stand he has taken on the Oregon question, believing that the best interests of our beloved country are safe in his hands.

FRUITS OF FANATICISM. Discreet Christians often have occasion to lament the folly and fanaticism of professors whose zeal, not being 'according to knowledge,' is an overmatch for their judgment and common sense, and not unrequently leads them to the adoption of measures which work immense injury to the cause of religion.

On Saturday, on the 8th ult., Captain Gilbert McNeill to Miss Catharine McNair, youngest daughter of Neill McNair, Esq., all of said county. At Lamonia, Florida, on the 17th inst., Mr John Q. Cromwell to Miss Ann Z. Hart.

ARRIVALS at Briggs' Hotel since Friday the 2th inst: J Elliot, Cumberland, A Murchison, do. B F Atkins, do. F S Davis, N C. W N Whitted, Bladen, J D Moore, do. R A she, Hillsboro, W W Shipp, Lincoln, J Miller, Augusta, J Johnson, N Y. C A Redell, Columbus, D McNeill, Richmond, J P F Throckmors, R D Davis, Columbia, E B Hudson, do. J F Marshall, do. Col Rogers, Va. Judge Strong, N York Mrs Thomas & Son, do. Miss Strong, do. J Thomas, do. W B McCrindle, N C. D Y Shive, Wilton, Mr Sanders, Johnston, I Bardon, do. Col McEachen, Rob'n A Waddell, do. R J Wright, Calveston J Dawkins, Richmond, Mr Goldston, Chatham, Wm Coe, do. Mr Daught, do. R Smith, N York, C Munroe, Cumbld, H W Bank, Cumbld, N Graham, do. J Morrisey, Sampson, D Herrick, Cumbld, J Sandheimer, Loub. T Waddell & family, G Lockwood, N York, Mr McLenden, N C. J McAlister, Cumbld, C Barbee, Raleigh, N Gibson, Richmond, Mr Cameron, Cumbld, F McNeil, Cumbld, Col McKay, Richmond, J P Covington, N C. Dr D Evans, Fay, J M Ingram, Anson, A McLean, Cumbld, J Haralson, Chatham, D Gillis, Cumbld.

BRILLIANT SCHEMES, J. G. Gregory & Co. Managers. \$30,000! ALEXANDRIA LOTTERY, Class 14, for 1846. To be drawn at Alexandria, D. C., on Saturday April 11, 1846.

Table listing lottery prizes in dollars: 30,000 dollars, 12,000 dollars, 6,000 dollars, 3,500 dollars, 3,227 dollars, 3,200 dollars, 2,500 dollars, 40 Prizes of 1,000 Dollars!, 50 do of 500 Dollars!, 60 do of 400 Dollars! &c.

\$50,000! On Saturday, April 18, 1846, ALEXANDRIA LOTTERY, Class 15, for 1846. Will be drawn at Alexandria, D. C. Containing the following MAGNIFICENT PRIZES:

Table listing lottery prizes in dollars: 1 Grand Capital of \$50,000, 1 Grand Prize of 20,000, 1 do do 12,000, 1 do do 10,000, 1 Prize of 9,000, 1 do 8,000, 1 do 7,000, 1 do 5,172, 2 Prizes of 4,000, 4 do 2,500, 2 do 2,000, 40 do 1,000, 40 do 500.