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CASH SYSTEM.—From and after the 12th day of August none other than cash subscriptions will be received for the Daily or Weekly North Carolinian, and the names of all persons who have not paid their arrears will be struck from our mail books on the first day of January next. We are compelled to this course in consequence of the large amount of money which is now due this establishment. All monies mailed to us will be at our risk.

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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

We are requested to announce, that in pursuance of the recommendation of the Democratic State Executive Committee, a convention of the Democracy of Cumberland will be held in the town of Fayetteville, the 1st of December, for the purpose of appointing delegates to a Democratic State Convention to be held in Raeford on Tuesday, March 18th, 1860; and also for the appointment of Delegates to a District Convention, to be held at some time and place as may however be designated, to select Delegates to represent this District in the next National Democratic Convention. Also to appoint a Democratic Executive Committee for the county of Cumberland.

Brownings meetings will be held at each Captain's house in groups throughout the county on Tuesday, 20th day of November, to appoint Delegates to the County Convention to be held in Fayetteville on the 6th day of December.

The Revenue System of N. Carolina.

Under the above heading we notice an able and well-studied article in the Wilmington Journal of the 7th inst., and as it is about assuming an importance we will give a few words as to our sentiments.

There are conflicting opinions at present with reference to this subject. Some contend for the equalization of taxes by taxing all property alike, making no discrimination—making the man who owns the greatest amount of property pay the greatest amount of taxes.

They contend that a negro is property as much as land or cattle, hogs or mules, and that therefore they should be taxed in the same ratio of valuation. They hold that making a distinction between the negro and other property, places him upon an equality with the white man, who has to pay a capitation tax and also a tax upon the value of his labor or property, so too, the master of the slave should, if they do not tax him according to his value, pay an amount in proportion to the value of the slave's labor, thus making it assume some equality.

At the present time, if we hold one thousand acres of land, and our neighbor owns fifty or a hundred slaves we are compelled to pay nearly twice the amount of taxation paid by our neighbor, whilst his property and wealth exceed ours five-fold.

The former, the mechanic, the merchant and all are made to pay according to the value of their property or of their income. This may be increased at any time at the will of the legislature. The slave holder pays a certain amount upon his slave per capita and this amount is not in the ratio of valuation; for if he holds twenty slaves not worth over five hundred dollars each, he has to pay the same sum as his neighbor whose slaves would sell at from one thousand to fifteen hundred.

This is one view of the subject. A proposition is made to value all property and levy a tax according to the valuation. In the principle we can see nothing but justice and equality.

The only duty devolving upon any man to pay taxes rests upon his right to support the State, and that support is given upon the consideration of his protection—protection being the only benefit received by a citizen from a State. Now it follows that he should only pay for the amount of protection received, and the party who receives the most protection should pay the greater amount of taxation to the State. This is the argument of one side, and must be acknowledged plausible.

On the other hand it is held, and justly too, that slaveholders at the present time pay a very weighty tax, and that to increase that burden is to put slave property at a discount. The east is a slave holding community, the west, on the contrary is not. The west therefore is said to be complaining of the burdens of taxation, whilst their property in value is not equal to that of the east.

To answer this it is shown that the east pays more taxes now in the ratio, and that therefore they should not be further oppressed.

It is a subject very difficult to treat upon—involving the first principles of political economy and equality. We have refrained from offering any opinion upon it, except to acknowledge the fact that no justice can be done to the tax payer without adopting the principle of ad-valorem so far as possible without a change of the present basis of representation—or of our State Constitution.

NORTH CAROLINA UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE.—The November number of this favorite publication is now before us. "The Law of Regulation" from the pen of Gov. Swain is concluded in this number. There are several other articles to it which make it a very highly interesting number.

No. 11 PRESENTED.—We have been asked whether the next County Convention to be held in the county of Cumberland will select candidates to represent this and Harnett counties in the next State Legislature. We believe not. A Convention will be duly held for that purpose at the usual time, but this convention is none the less important.

A candidate for the highest possible office in the nation is about to be selected and each democrat in this county should attend the primary meetings at the various election precincts and allow himself to be felt in the choice of this officer whoever he may be.

It is a time for the people to rule—it is time for them to come and select their candidate and effectually put an end to tricksters and cliques. Every democrat has a duty devolving upon him, and if he refrains from performing it, he is guilty of a grievous fault.

ANNUAL MEETING.—We publish in another column a very satisfactory exhibit of the affairs of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, submitted to the Stockholders at their annual meeting on Thursday the President and Directors. We refer our readers to it in lieu of anything we might write.

The Wilmington Herald laments the fact that the American (7) party in Baltimore does not get justice. It says:

"We deeply regret that law and order have been so badly violated in Baltimore; but that the American party are to blame for it we do not believe. There is no earthly reason for party so acting—for it has a large majority in the city—and to suppose that men will kill and murder for the pure love of it, is not by any means consistent with human nature generally."

Certainly the American party is not to blame—they have killed (according to the admission of the Herald) two democrats and wounded a number of others but they are not to blame; it is the democrats who should be blamed for "getting dead and murdered!" Oh yes! rub it in friend whigs, the democracy can beat it off before the just judgment of honest men.

The Americans are in the majority in Baltimore, and Baltimore is a disgrace to the nation, ergo the Americans are a disgrace to the whole American people.

But we have had some strange revelations of the future. We have been told that the democrats have a majority in the legislature of Maryland. This is equal to the intelligence that Baltimore has ceased to be what she has been. All good men should return thanks to Almighty God for this favorable indication of the times.

22nd A correspondent of the Newbern Daily Progressers when he states "that the citizens of Fayetteville pay the leader of the Cornet Band six hundred dollars a year." It is a voluntary contribution from the Lafayette Light Infantry Company, to which the leader and members of the band belong. It is also due to the members of the band to state that they themselves pay a portion of the leader's salary. Although it is supported by a private fund, the members are always willing to perform gratuitously upon public occasions in Fayetteville. For this they receive the gratitude of our citizens.

THE STATE CONVENTION.—In alluding to the meeting of this body in Charlotte last week, the meeting of this body in Charlotte last week, the meeting says:

"It is enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, that it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall be the duty of the county court of the county of Robeson, at the term next preceding the 1st Thursday in August, A. D. 1859, to authorize and provide for holding an election for tax collectors for said county on the 1st Thursday in August next, and at the same time in each alternate year thereafter, under the same rules and regulations as now provided by law for holding elections for sheriff, and no person shall be eligible as tax collector who is not eligible to the office of sheriff."

SEWING MACHINES.—Some merchants in our sister town, Wilmington, seem to be bent upon selling this article if we are to judge from the length, tone and *animus* manifested in the advertisements which appear almost daily in the papers published in that place. Their utility cannot be doubted, although their indispensability might be questioned. Of one thing we are certain that is sewing machines have produced a little reaction of the money market in the printer's pocket.

MESSRS. EDWARDS: It is often made the subject of inquiry in the County of Robeson, what Court has the sole control over the laws of the State. Some say that the Supreme has the sole jurisdiction over matters of law in the State. But from the decisions of the County Court of Robeson, there seems to be a conflict. The County Court has annulled the act creating or making the county of Robeson a commission to make a new county out of portions of Cumberland and Robeson in an area of a zigzag, from the old line south, then north in like manner to the old line, leaving a small tract of land not in Robeson neither in Cumberland, but a small county without a Court house or jail, and only one family in its bounds. Again the County Court has declared the act creating a tax collector in Robeson a nullity. The Supreme court could do no more than set aside acts of the legislature. But says the County Court, the act is uncalculated for in our opinion, and it is a nullity. Then our opinion is law in Robeson or the County Court can make, annul, abolish or rescind several laws.

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