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THE GLEANER

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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS.

The National Convention meets in Cincinnati the 22d of June.

The State Convention meets in Raleigh the 17th of June.

The Judicial Convention for the Fifth District, meets in Durham the 15th of June.

The Convention of the Fifth Congressional District meets in Greensboro the 5th day of August.

The County Convention to appoint delegates to the Judicial, Congressional, and State Conventions, meets in Graham the 5th of June.

The campaign fever has not yet seriously afflicted Alamance.

Alamance may be expected to commence booming next Saturday.

It is a matter of importance to every Democrat in Alamance county, to be present at the mass-meeting next Saturday.

The Raleigh *News* has passed into the hands of T. M. Holt and John Gatling, with P. M. Hale in charge of the editorial department.

If you want the right men sent to Raleigh, to nominate the right man for Governor, come to the mass-meeting and see that it is done properly.

The mass-meeting on the fifth inst., will elect delegates to the State Convention, and the Judicial and Congressional District Conventions.

Before our next issue, the country will know who is to be the Republican candidate for the Presidency.

The Delaware delegates to Cincinnati are instructed to vote for Bayard. They will adhere to the two-thirds rule.

Thad. B. Manning Esq., has retired from the editorial management of the Henderson *Tobacconist*.

The Wilmington *Post* says that the Grant men are in Chicago with money to buy delegates, and the Grant men say the same thing about other candidates.

It now appears to be authoritatively stated that Gov. Seymour will not permit his name to go before the Cincinnati Convention. He is reported to have said that Tilden would not permit him to carry New York, if he should be nominated.

GOVERNOR JARVIS has written a manly letter in reply to the attacks of his enemies upon his official and private character. He meets the charge of his foes in a bold and fearless manner, and refutes them one by one, in a way that should bring the blush to the cheek of his slanderers. He invites the closest and most rigid scrutiny of all his acts, both public and private. We regret that circumstances should make such a letter necessary; but we admire the spirit in which it is written.

Several of our cotemporaries are keeping a correct account of the number of votes that each of the principal rival candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor, will receive. As each county holds its convention or mass-meeting the vote of its delegation is counted for one or the other of the aforesaid candidates, frequently for both. To parties interested rather in the success of the Democratic ticket, than of any particular candidate, the widely differing conclusions, are, to say the least, amusing.

The Milton *Chronicle* man has gotten his geography and political aspirants mixed. He learns that Forsythe County has expressed a preference for Hon. W. M. Robbins for Congress; and without stopping to inquire whether Forsythe County is in this district, or whether the gentleman named is identical with F. C. Robbins of Davidson, he rolls up his sleeves for Gen. Scales, and announces Mr. J. W. Reid of Rockingham as his second choice. We would suggest a map of North Carolina as an appropriate ornament for the walls of the *Chronicle* sanctum.

The Wilmington *Post* appears to be unable to understand why the people of Alamance County should wish to erect a monument on the Battle Field of Alamance, and in honor of what persons it is erected.

For the information of the *Post*, we would say that the monument (which has been erected) is intended to perpetuate the memory of the first blow struck on the American soil, against tyranny, extortion and oppression, as well as to mark the resting place of those who died in the struggle. The people of this section will ever cherish the memory of the men who had the manhood and courage to strike for their natural rights and liberties.

THOMAS M. HOLT.

We call the attention of our readers to the communication from "WHIG" which appears in another column; and in doing so we take occasion to say that although it has been contrary to the policy of the GLEANER, as it now is, to advocate the claims of any one whose name may be brought before the public for any office in the gift of the people, before he shall have been nominated as the candidate of the party, yet we think that there are occasions when a deviation from the rule is entirely proper; and we think further, that such an occasion has arrived when the name of THOMAS M. HOLT is brought before the people as a candidate for the office of Lieutenant-Governor.

THOMAS M. HOLT is a man who is in every way competent and capable of filling the high office with which his name is mentioned, and his record as a public man is unimpeachable. It will be a pleasure and pride to the Democrats of Alamance to bring his name before the convention, and it will be the honest endeavor of THE GLEANER to support the chimes of our worthy fellow-citizen.

NOT TOO FAST.

In the heat of a political canvass, it is to be expected that some people will become excited, and be tempted to say and write things which they will afterwards regret. To all such people we would commend the following sensible advice from the Charlotte *Observer*:

"We do not desire to teach wisdom or zeal to our party friends, but we think some of them might use just a little more common sense in conducting the canvass in favor of candidates for office, and the contest now going on between the friends of Gov. Jarvis and Judge Fowle, for the first place within the gift of the people, furnishes a pretext to say something on this subject.

The open war now carried on by zealous friends promises to result in running both aspirants off the track. Somebody uttered the expression "save me from my friends," and well may Gov. Jarvis and Judge Fowle be in a frame of mind ready to make an appeal equally significant exclamation.

The Observer gives forth no uncertain sound, and time and again has taken occasion to express its opinion as to who is the best available candidate for governor but it has not felt called on to attack the character of other aspirants, and we consider such a canvass manifestly improper. Jarvis and Fowle both have their advocates in the Raleigh press, and the friends of each side in praising their own champion, seem equally zealous in abusing and defaming the other side. Both have been public men for a long time, and we do not object to a proper discussion of the political record of each, but this does not justify the wolfish war that seems now to be going on.

Let us have light, the fullest light, as to the record of every man who offers to to sacrifice (?) himself in the cause of the people, but in our zealous search after truth, let us stick to the truth.

A Wonderful Surgical Operation.

The Hartford *Post* tells the following story of the experiments made on a Windham county boy: "On the 31st of December, 1878, Jesse, an 11 year-old son of Edward Morgan an influential citizen of Canterbury, fell into a shallow vat containing a solution of potash in boiling water. He struck on both feet the liquid coming nearly up to his hips, and instantly the skin of the legs commenced to peel off. It was found that the flesh on both legs had been so thoroughly boiled that no cells remained for a new skin to form a growth upon. The boy's life was one of excruciating agony for months. Last April a young physician determined to attempt the salvation of the lad's life by skin grafting. The boy's parents imploring him to undertake the operation he was finally induced to try it. Over 2,000 grafts were used, the mother of the child, a noble hearted Irish coachman in the family the lad himself and many of the neighbors submitting portions of their cuticle for the operation. Hundreds of visitors flocked to see the patient and consented to part with small pieces of their skins for the operation. The pieces of flesh were pulled off with forceps and were about three times the size of the head of a pin. The process of grafting is similar to that used in horticulture. The grafts grow fastest in the spring months. One of them is put on a muscle, where it sinks in and deposits a cell, after which the top sloughs off. Although the work is not yet complete, the legs are nearly restored to their normal and natural functions and the child can walk a short distance without a crutch, but is still very weak from exhaustion and emaciation.

STATE NEWS.

Col Robt. M. Douglas is charged with crookedness in his office. It appears that $7,000 has leaked out.

Dr. Gregory of Greensboro, has invented a corn sheller which he claims to be the boss machine. It will be manufactured in Greensboro.

Greensboro is about to be overrun with thistles. The *Patriot* says that they are Canada thistles, and the *Beacon* as in duty bound says they are not.

High Point is coming out as a summer resort.

Rev. D. R. Bruton of the Methodist church in Greensboro, who has been on an extended trip in the North, in the interest of the Greensboro Female College, has returned home. The amount secured by him was $5,250 with many substantial promises from which he expects to raise a large amount.

Cars on the Western North Carolina now run within two miles of Swannanoa bridge, and the completion of a nearly finished trestle, takes the trains practically to Asheville.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Mr. Blaine's camphor-bearer should prepare for business.

Tammany expects to go to Cincinnati, one thousand strong.

Susan B. Anthony is preparing for a vigorous onslaught on the Chicago convention.

Dr. J. A. McLean, of Guilford, is urged for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Profound silence is the eloquent answer of Gen. Grant to some of his old and trusted friends who have written to him urging him not to accept the third term nomination.

We have often remarked and there is no harm in repeating it now, that Hon. James Gillespie Blaine was not born to be President.—*N. Y. Star.*

The Iowa Greenback convention dropped into poetry. There is one verse which sufficiently explains itself:

Gold-bug John Sherman—
God pity his soul—
Went out one night
On the devil's patrol.

Americans of grit, of blood of self respect! rise and redeem your rights and your liberties! The great majority of you are better men than Grant, who seeks to be your Emperor or king!

Down with him!

Vote him down at the polls!

Consign him to eternal and condign involuntary retirement!—*New York Sun.*

The Vicksburg (Miss.) *Herald* says that Senator Wade Hampton, by bravely placing in his recent speech, the interests of the South above the welfare of the party, has put thousands of Southern people to thinking who before never did anything but follow their leaders.

Col. Bob Ingersoll says that 'Men dead for other candidates will have wings' for Blaine. Whereupon the wicked Springfield *Republican* remarks that 'the only wings that Blaine will put on people will take them to the Democratic candidate or to the woods."

Judge Settle has quite a little boom. Alabama has followed the example of Florida and instructed, first, last and all the time for him as Vice-President.—*Observer.*

Missouri, which was to be for Tilden, is *not*. Of her thirty delegates he has two. Kansas, which was claimed for Tilden is strongly against him. Not a solitary friend has he in her delegation of ten. Both States refused to instruct their Cincinnati representatives, therefore Tilden's friends will probably claim them all. But the fact remains, of the forty, he has two.—*Washington Post.*

The following in regard to Senator Voorhees is clipped from a Washington letter to an exchange:

His attitude and bearing are magnificent—he is a "whole team," and is, probably, more dreaded and feared than any Senator on the Democratic side. Teller and Conkling had both, in unmistakable words, said that the Democrats were afraid to meet the "stalwarts" in debate; that they (the Democratic Senators) dared not advocate the measures for which they were willing and anxious to vote. This stirred up the "tall Sycamore of the Wabash," and the way in which he made them get to their holes and hiding places was superb. It's worth a thousand years of common place things just to see and hear that red-headed Indianian when thoroughly aroused. Space can't confine him—words can't depict him. I wish the people of North Carolina could see and hear him just one time. They, staid and considerate and even emotionless as some think them to be, would "go crazy" over him. Such a man I never saw—and I've seen several—a nobler or better specimen of American manhood I never expect to see or hear.

JUDGE GILMER.

[Communicated.]

GRAHAM, N. C.
May 31. 1880.

Though Judge Gilmer has been upon the bench but a short while, the universal verdict of all classes of good people, competent to judge, is that he is the right man in the right place.

In war, in peace, in the legislative hall, at the bar and on the bench, his character has always been that of a high minded christian gentleman. His party fealty has never been questioned; his competency is thorough; his temper is even; his disposition amiable. No man in the 5th District possesses a larger share of those elements necessary to qualify him for sitting upon the lives and liberties of his countrymen, and impartially administering the law above the suspicion of partizanship. Then why should such a man with such a stainless record not be his own successor? Alamance will be willing to let well enough alone.

DEMOCRAT.

Delivering a most righteous judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States, Chief Justice Waite says: That lotteries are demoralizing in their effects, no matter how carefully regulated, cannot, in the opinion of this Court, be doubted. There is now scarcely a State in the Union where they are tolerated, and Congress has enacted a special statute, the object of which is to close the mails against them. This being the case can be no question that lotteries are proper subjects of the State's government or police power. * * They are a species of gambling and wrong in their influences. They disturb the checks and balance of a well ordered community. Society built on such a foundation would almost of necessity bring forth a population of speculators and gamblers living on the expectation of what chance might award them from the accumulations of others. Certainly, the right to stop them is governmental, and to be exercised at all times by those in power, at their discretion.

A fire in New York last week, burned up the oil works of Denslow & Bush, consumed thousands of gallons of oil, destroyed a lumber yard, burned a schooner loaded with tar, besides doing other damage.

Edenburg Pa., was burned out last week. All the principal public and private buildings were destroyed. Loss $150,000.

CELEBRATION OF THE BATTLE OF ALAMANCE.

Unveiling of the Monument.

Last Saturday was a glorious day for Alamance: a day long to be remembered in the annals of North Carolina, as commemorating in a becoming manner, the first struggle on American soil between the oppressed subjects of the British tyrant and the armed forces of the oppressors.

The community had long been preparing for the celebration. Great expectations were entertained and were fully realized.

At half past six o'clock on Saturday morning, the crowd began to assemble at the Court House. A half hour later, T. B. Eldridge, on behalf of Misses Annie and Eugenia Cobb of Company Shops, presented the monumental association with a beautiful flag, bearing on one side this inscription, "THE BIRTHPLACE OF AMERICAN LIBERTY," and on the other "MAY 16TH, 1772," the production of their own industry. Rev. D. A. Long accepted it for the Association, and placed it in the hands of J. D. Kernodle who had been selected by the chief marshal to carry the standard. The procession then formed, headed by the Durham Band, and proceeded to the Alamance Battle ground, where they arrived about ten o'clock. Hundreds of people from other directions had already arrived when the procession from Graham appeared on the scene. The number present on the grounds was estimated at between 3,000 and 4,000, some estimates making it even greater.

About half past ten o'clock, the crowd assembled in front of the speakers stand, where seats had been arranged for a large number. J. L. Scott, Esq., as president of the association called to order with a gavel made from a tree cut at the spring of Hermon Husbands. Rev. W. S. Long opened the exercises with prayer. Col. Thomas M. Holt then delivered an address of welcome. He reviewed the early history of North Carolina, and the causes which led to the Battle of Alamance, and gave a very interesting and full account of the battle.

Judge Fowle followed next with a speech brim full of patriotism and eloquence. Among other things, he said, that "Alamance and liberty are joined together." He spoke of our national union, and expressed the sentiment that, "The union is the constitution and the constitution is the union."

Rev. D. A. Long, Secretary of the Association, then read the names of persons who had contributed to the expenses of the monument. The report is published in another column.

Hon. John Manning came next with an eloquent and beautiful speech, in which he paid a glowing tribute to "the brave and the fair." At the conclusion of Mr. Manning's speech, the officers of the association assisted by Tobias May, George Lowman and Dr. G. K. Faust, descendants of Regulators unveiled the monument amid the cheers of the multitude.

The crowd then repaired to the dinner tables to refresh the inner man, and get ready for the afternoon exercises.

The monument is an obelisk in form and was made of granite taken from a quarry in this county. It bears the following inscriptions; on the North side.

HERE WAS FOUGHT
THE BATTLE OF ALAMANCE,
MAY 16TH 1771,
BETWEEN THE REGULATORS AND BRITISH.

On the South,

THIS WAS THE FIRST
BATTLE OF THE REVOLUTION.

and on the West, cannon crossed, and beneath,

LIBERTY.

On the East,

1880.

After dinner, the crowd again assembled in front of the stand, and listened to speeches from Hon. Kemp Battle, and Hon. D. F. Caldwell. After the speeches were made, John Long Esq., of Randolph presented some relics of the battle field; to Messrs. Manning, Holt and Battle, he presented sticks cut from Hermon Husbands' spring: to the association, a deed bearing the signatures of Hermon Husbands, of Nash the clerk of the Court, and Fanning the Register of Deeds of Orange County; and to Rev. D. A. Long, a bell which has a history that we have not learned. J. L. Scott Esq., then presented Judge Fowle with the gavel with which he presided at the meeting. Rev. D. A. Long, will take the deed that was presented to the association to Chapel Hill, and present it to the Historical Society.

After the presentation of the relics, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. B. W. Mebane. The crowd then dispersed and returned to their homes.

Thus ended a day to which Alamance County can always point with pride. Her people have done honor to the patriots who were first to shed their blood for the principles that are dear to the hearts of all true Americans. The memory of the Regulators is now enshrined in an enduring monument, as well as in the hearts of a grateful people.

The reports of the president and secretary of the association as well as letters in regard to the flag, appear in another column.

[FOR THE GLEANER.]

MORTON'S N. C.
May 28th 1880.

MESSRS. EDITORS:

It seems that almost every body wants an office. At least the woods appear to be full of those who are willing to allow themselves to be sacrificed for the good of their country and to accept any position from Constable down to President. Under these circumstances it behooves us to choose wisely. The issues before us are momentous and our standard bearers should be honest and capable men: men who are of the people and know the wants of the people. Personal friendship and likes should not be allowed to stand in the way of the country's good.

Have we not in Alamance a man capable and in every way fit to fill one of the places? I think we have. THOMAS M. HOLT would "fit the bill" for any place on the State ticket. Let us make a good and strong pull for him for Lieutenant Governor. A gentleman of fine sense, honest and in every way capable. He is from the people and *one of the people.* He is our man. Yours &c.

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