

DEMOCRATIC DISTRICT CONVENTION.

A convention of the Democratic party of the fourth Congressional district will be held at Raleigh on May 25th next, to nominate a candidate for Congress, a candidate for district elector, to elect two delegates to the National Democratic Convention and for other purposes. By order of the committee.

E. J. PARRIS, Chairman executive committee.

(District papers will please copy.)

SEVENTH DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

A convention of the Democratic party of the seventh Congressional district will be held at Salisbury on Wednesday, June 20th next, to nominate a candidate for Congress and a candidate for district elector. The delegates representing the counties of the district in the State convention will meet at Raleigh on Wednesday, May 30th next, at 9 o'clock a. m. to elect two delegates to the National Democratic Convention. By order of the executive committee.

T. B. ELDRIDGE, Chairman.

ELSEWHERE we print what is said to be the report that is to be made to the House tomorrow on the tariff measure adopted by the Democratic majority of the ways and means committee.

It indicates, as has been shown in many other ways, that the proposed bill is eminently wise and conservative.

It is that \$10,000-a-year French cook of Mr. Vanderbilt's cooks as well as he talks he would probably be worth enough to pay it. Speaking of dinners he says: "Because a man is rich he cannot eat more than a poor man, and yet the idea of a fine dinner has been given a great number of courses. It is a mistake. When a man has eaten his oysters, his soup, his entrees, his fish, what chance has he to enjoy his mutton or fowl?" There is not a little sense in that.

The tariff reform speech in the House of Knute Nelson, Republican of Minnesota, must have been quite a shock to the protectionists, but none the less for that was it an indication of the drift of sentiment in the north-west as elsewhere.

It was the first public declaration of a Republican in Congress in favor of the President's policy. It will probably not be the last. The Republican party is wholly wrong on this subject as on many others.

We present today the last of the series of papers on gubernatorial possibilities. The list from which the people are likely to choose might have been narrowed, as Clark, Fowle Jarvis and Siedman are without doubt largely the most prominent in the public mind in connection with the nomination, but we did not feel at liberty to ignore the possibilities of the situation. The News and Observer, while friendly to all of the prominent men in the State, prefers in this instance as heretofore not to express its own preferences, for it proposes to give a hearty and cordial support to the nominee, whoever he may be, and its usefulness might be impaired if it were committed to the fortunes of any particular candidate.

Thus the Statesville landmark: "The Democrats of the fourth congressional district are wise in their generation. They have called their convention to meet at Raleigh the day before the State convention. The Warbler House (practically the only hotel in Raleigh), will just about accommodate comfortably the delegates to the district convention. In comfort before the delegates to the State convention begin to assemble and will hold over during the session of the latter. When the delegates from other quarters gather for the State convention they will find the hotel room taken up and these will have to eat at the market house and sleep on the door mats."

Our friend surprises us. He has been to Raleigh. There are several hotels here and any number of boarding houses, not to speak of the private residences whose owners' hospitality is unsurpassed by that of any people in the world. There has never been any lack of convention accommodation in Raleigh and it is not likely to be on the 30th of May. Possibly, however, our friend thinks every member will have to be provided with a front room on the ground floor. In this case we will agree with him on one point only. It is in big business enterprises that one likes to come on the ground floor. In politics it isn't a matter of so much importance.

THE STRIKES. When we saw that the Chicago Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers had finally decided to abandon their position to the effect that the Brotherhood should not handle the cars of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road, we hoped the strike was practically over, but this action was followed by a strike of switchmen at Chicago, and this by a riot which has led to the series of complications of which we have news today and which seem to indicate a long and desperate struggle.

The riot occurred Thursday and was between the striking switchmen and their sympathizers and men who had replaced them. As the story goes it took place at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, when a switch engine and its crew attempted to pass some freight cars on the tracks of the Northwestern road. A crowd of switchmen of other roads were about the place, and

begin to jeer at new men on a "Q" engine. When the train reached a certain point it ran off a switch that had been turned, and a number of cars were derailed. The mob then set upon the crew of the engine and the engine and engine men were taken to the heels sitting under noxious cuffs as they escaped. The switchmen who had been engaged in place of the strikers followed suit, and were pursued and roughly used by the crowd, which was made up of the toughest kind of men. Six or eight Pinkerton detectives, who had been employed to look after the interests of the roads, were dispersed, and a division superintendent of the Burlington road, who was on the freight train, was also badly used up.

The riot created great excitement and Pinkerton men and police flocked to the scene. The mob quickly dispersed, however, and only one man was arrested—Willam Quirk. He was a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul switchman and his arrest precipitated a strike of 174 switchmen, twenty-eight engineers, and twenty-eight firemen on the St. Paul road. A crowd followed him to the station house and endeavored to get him released. Numerous offers of bail were made. Eight thousand dollars surety for his appearance was offered, but he was locked up. When it was realized that he had to remain in the police station, the St. Paul men in their rage decided to strike, and immediately started their engines. The whole yard force of switchmen, engineers and firemen, 227 in all, quit work, leaving 28 engines standing on the tracks.

Quirk was subsequently released through the efforts of St. Paul officials, but the railroad authorities insisted that the wrecked train should be put back on the track as a sine qua non of any disposition on the part of the roads. This treat with the men on strike and the result would not be submitted to. The result is what is detailed in our dispatches this morning and there is no knowing how far the disaffection will extend before it can be turned into the channels of reason and prudence. Meantime the utterly destructive effect on trade and commerce of such a mistake is beyond estimate also.

Oxford's jubilation on the 18th of April over the completion of the Oxford and Clarksville Railroad will be a fine, large, handsome affair indeed. According to the invitations sent out "one hundred of the financial giants of New York, Baltimore and Richmond" will come "in special palace cars to visit the home and nursery of golden tobacco—a very wonder land." There will be an "immense processional and trades display," and a "free barbecue to feed the thousands" will be provided. Gov. Seales, Gov. Lee, of Virginia, Hon. D. G. Fowle and other distinguished gentlemen will speak. It will be a very interesting occasion, indeed, and we trust there will be a great number of people on hand to enjoy it with our friends of the Granite capital.

GUBERNATORIAL POSSIBILITIES.

COL. R. F. ARMFIELD.

The importance of the issue about to be joined in North Carolina cannot be overestimated. And the future is full of doubt.

These influences have been at work to weaken the hold of the Democratic party is openly alleged, and it is understood that a feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction exists in those sections where the people hoped that the incoming of a Democratic administration would be signified by the repeal of the Internal Revenue system. In other sections perhaps other influences tend in the same direction. Under the circumstances our hope of success lies in a great campaign—one that will arouse the people to a sense of peril and bring to the public mind a full realization of the evils that would inevitably attend a reversion of radicalism to the control of State administration.

It is needed that the people should realize what is at stake; that all which has been accomplished during the period of Democratic ascendancy is threatened; that it has been done in vain; that to quiet race prejudice, to develop our resources and to maintain quiet and contentment throughout the State is now in danger of being undone; and that those measures upon which rest the happiness, the welfare and the property of all classes of citizens are again at risk.

For more than ten years we have had here at home an era of good feeling between the races—during which the best interests of the people of all colors are being advanced.

All this is now in jeopardy, for if the radicals shall regain control, the hands of the clock will be turned backward, and the progress of an industrial development will suffer a severe and disastrous check.

It is not then merely party success that is involved, but the highest welfare of the people is in the balance. So much depending on the result, it behooves the Democratic party to ignore the claims of this section or that, and to look all over the State for the best man in North Carolina to a sure success. A broad patriotism, as broad as the limits of the State, is invoked. We must have a leader who can pluck the flower safely from the nettle danger.

The hope of the State is found in the devotion of the eastern Democrats and in a grand rally of the people of the western section, the leader of the western section, the people must be won in the counties where the negroes being few, great white majorities can be rolled up to overcome the negro majorities in the Republican strongholds of the negro counties. To arouse the people of the west and to solidify the white votes of the Piedmont section no other name is so potent as that of Robert F. Armfield. An eloquent orator, a tried statesman, a popular favorite and the trusted leader of the western section, he can arouse the west into a tidal wave of popular enthusiasm and submerge all aspiring independents and those detestable disorganizers who have been lured by ambitious projects into the ranks of the Republican party. His every sympathy has been manifested for the East in all the measures of the past and the eastern Democrats will give

him as generous and warm a support as any of her own favorite sons.

A practiced debater, he would measure swords with "my son Oliver" and not be the first to cry "Hold, hold!" He is more than a match against him. Full of sympathy for the people and ever an advocate of measures near to the popular heart, he would attract a support that would be triumphant over all opposition.

Col. Armfield was born in Guilford county in 1823, and was educated at Trinity. Soon after attaining manhood he entered on the practice of the law, in which he especially attained eminence, and which he has followed with unusual success in all the counties of the west accessible to Statesville, where he resides.

During the war he was Lieutenant Colonel of the 38th North Carolina regiment and displayed gallantry and intrepidity alike creditable to himself and honorable to the State.

While he has not served the people often in a representative capacity, he was State Senator in 1875, and was elected President of the Senate, thus succeeding Lieutenant Governor Brogden, who had by the death of Governor Caldwell become Governor of the State.

In 1878 he was elected to Congress, where he took a high stand among the Democratic leaders from the South, through his ability, sagacity and unwavering devotion to Democratic principles. His voice was heard in every contest on the side of right and justice. And always with effect. Largely imbued with these qualities that bring public men near to the popular heart, he never fails to find the responsive chord in the crowds that flock to hear him and he moves them so thoroughly that he puts to rout all opposition. He captivates his audiences and carries them along with him by the power of his oratory.

No man can sway the Democrats of the western country more potently than he; no man can more effectively rally the whites of the western counties more enthusiastically than he; no man can do more than to be assured the success of the party at this crisis, when the fate of the national administration as well as the control of State affairs depends on our polling a full vote. With fine administrative ability, and a thorough acquaintance with all matters connected with State affairs, he would fill the office of Governor with great acceptability and advantage to the people of the State.

MESSAGERS OF HOPE.

Enlistments and Contributions for the Week Ending March 29th, 1888.

Margaret Smith, Tyler, Texas, 10

Joe J. Braggas, Raleigh, second offering, 10

Louie H. Braggas, Raleigh, second offering, 10

Aldert S. Braggas, Raleigh, second offering, 05

Bessie L. Braggas, Raleigh, second offering, 05

"In memory of little Ludwell J. from his brothers," Berlin, Md. \$2 50

"In memory of Ethel and Margaret Norfolk," from their little cousin Willie Harlow Pugh, "Glendower Hall," Bertie county, N. C., 50

Mary Pearson Davis, Statesville, N. C., third offering, 50

For her two little nephews, Richmond and Jocelyn Blackmer, Salisbury, N. C., 50

Mabel F. Ashley, Raleigh, N. C. "In Memoriam," 35

Eva Lee, Clinton, N. C., second offering, 60

Cordelia B. Clinton, N. C., second offering, 15

Almond McK. Givens, Clinton, N. C., second offering, 30

Robbie Hubbard, Clinton, N. C. second offering, 25

Tommy Barksdale, Clinton, N. C. second offering, 15

A Friend, Clinton, N. C., second offering, 1 45

Total, \$ 7 85

Amount on hand, 45 06

Members, 141

DEAR CHILDREN: A little lassie from the Lone Star State leads off this week. "Dear Aunt Beckie: You will be surprised to have a letter from way out here in Texas. I don't reckon you ever heard of me before, but you knew my grandmother very well. I wanted to go to the show, but Auntie said it was Lent, so I did not go. I thought I would send you 10 cents for the Col. Uncle Jimmie's paper comes to us every week, and I was an only eight years old, and I cannot write a very good letter. I belong to a Guild here and we have to make some money for that, but I will try and send some more money sometimes, to help with the Col. I think it will be so nice to help some little sick children."

"Thanks, Maid Margery. You are a long way off, truly. I am afraid I must confess that I do not know your grandmother, which, no doubt, is a great loss, since all the grandmothers I do know are especially nice! The money is better invested now than it would have been in the show. Yes, it is 'nice to help little children.'" "For inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto Me."

Next comes my little Braggas children: "Dear Aunt Beckie: I am rather tardy today, but better late than never. You had better let me join your little band 'me' and children very happy. So you will find enclosed 10 cents for myself and Louie says he must have 10 cents, too, as he earns more than five finding the baby. Aldert sends five cents; he picks up coal, and five cents for our baby Bessie. With much love to you, your little friends, the Braggas children."

And very nice children they seem to be, too. I am very glad you belong to us.

The next money came to me through a letter forwarded by the chaplain of St. John's. I made an extract, not being sure that it was meant for pub-

lication: "For several years my little boys have been trying to help end the Bishop Atkinson (of in your hospital. The enclosed \$2.50 is for that purpose. If you still publish the acknowledgements let this be (as formerly in the Church Messenger) in memory of little Ludwell J. from his brothers." In the chaplain's letter I find this: "I have just made the calculation and find that during 1887 we had fifty patients, and cared for them 2230 days. This shows the need of the hospital and the good work it is doing."

Now children think! If the hospital was not kept up what would have become of that half hundred poor sick people! Don't you see at a glance how much it is needed and what a good work it does? The next letter came from a dear little cousin at "Glendower Hall," down in Bertie, the native county of my great grandfather the Hon. John Pugh Williams.

"Dear Aunt Beckie: I send you to-day 30 cents for the Col. in memory of my little cousins Ethel and Margaret Norfolk. I am but five years old, but I love the Church. I am sorry this is all I can give you now, but I will send you some more when I can get it. Send me your photograph. I want to see my dear Aunt Beckie."

Ah Willie, bonny maiden, you are dearly loved ones. My heart warms to my Pugh and Williams blood. The photograph, alas, I cannot send now, because I have none! But you don't lose much.

East and West—so they come. "Mount Stirling" people this time. "Dear Aunt Beckie: Enclosed please find \$1. Fifty cents Mary sends for herself and the other fifty for her two little nephews, Richmond and Jocelyn Blackmer, of Salisbury. Richmond is the older of the two, and I hope the Col will be endowed long before they are large enough to work for it themselves. I have to write to Mary this time, as she is sick with roseola. We had hoped to send you some of our beautiful hyacinths, but 'Jack Frost' has laid them low. With best love from us both." Tell Mary I had roseola, too, when I was a school girl, just about this time of year, and was housed for two weeks. So I can sympathize. I am so sorry about the hyacinths!

Jack Frost has done a vast deal of destruction among the flowers this spring, as the brown wreck of our japonica can testify.

It was the first volunteer for the Anti-Slavery League and glad I to welcome her, too.

"Dear Aunt Beckie: I read your letter in the Sunday News and Observer, and I would like to join the Anti-Slavery League, and all I can earn that way I will send you for the Col. I am eleven years old. I earn some money making cake for mamma on Saturdays, and some for attending to the piano. I send you 10 cents for the Col. As I am paying 10 cents a month to the hospital, is all I can do just now."

I think you very well, Mabel, to do so much. You are the first Anti-Slavery Leaguer, and I hope you are number one of a large company—all of my children, in fact. Do you make nice cake, my little confectioner?

The next letter must not be put in print, but I was glad to welcome the writer once more into ranks, and hope this is but one of many letters I shall have from her.

The last came from the Clinton Sunday School class, from whom we heard once before.

"Dear Miss Cameron: Enclosed you will find \$3.00, a special contribution from my Sunday School class to 'The Memorial Col.' The boys made their money by sweeping out their school for their teacher, and the little girls sold flowers to get their money. The little ones are much interested in the Col, but they have had some other work on hand this Lenten season, consequently their contribution is not as large as they would otherwise have made it. The children join me in love and hearty good wishes. Very truly yours, 'You have very faithful children, dear madam, and your pleasant letters are always welcome. I like to hear of boys improving and being tidy. 'Cleanliness is next to godliness.' Give my love to them all, please. The end of my allotted space makes me close abruptly with half left unsaid!"

Lovingly, "Aunt Beckie"

All contributions for the "Bishop Atkinson Memorial Col." in St. John's Hospital, Raleigh, should be sent to Miss Rebecca Cameron, care Dr. William Cameron, Hillsboro, North Carolina. Don't send stamps!

The Popular Science Monthly for April, 1888.

Is a wide variety in the most striking feature of the contents of the April "Popular Science Monthly," ranging from the botany of Silurian time up to that of the present, and embracing—college athletics, psychology, zoology, anthropology, mineralogy, geology, social science, and law, all represented in the attractive list of articles. Among the many topics treated every intelligent reader will surely find several to interest him. The articles include "College Athletics and Physical Development," by Professor E. L. Richards, of Yale College; "A Progress of Professor Huxley; "Aroma and Failures of the Law," by Philip Snyder; "Chinese Superstitions," by Addele M. Field; "Hygienism in Disease and Crime," by A. Binet and C. Fere; "Californian Dry-Winter Flowers," by Professor Byron D. Halsted; "The Family Life of Fishes" (illustrated), by Karl Hennings, &c., &c. The Index contains scientific articles by the foremost writers at home and abroad. If you are desirous to furnish such a literary feast! New York: D. Appleton & Company. Fifty cents a number, \$5 a year.

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PROPOSALS FOR BIDS. RALEIGH, N. C., March 29, 1888. By virtue of authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, I hereby invite proposals for the erection and completion of the main building of said college, according to the detail drawings and specifications of the same which may be seen in the office of the undersigned in this city. All bids must be sealed and addressed to the Board of Trustees of the said college, Raleigh, N. C., and must be submitted on or before noon of Thursday, the 12th of April, 1888, at noon, of which day they will be opened by the board. The general dimensions of said building are as follows: Extreme length 170 feet, greatest width 60 feet, assessment and two and a half stories above. I will furnish printed specifications on request for same, and the Trustees reserve the right to reject all bids. W. S. PRIMROSE, Chm. Ex. Com. N. C. Col. Ag. and Mec. Arts. mar29-30w.

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FOR SALE. SALE OF VALUABLE CITY PROPERTY. Under and by virtue of a decree of Wake Superior Court, made at February Term, 1888, in the case of J. M. Pugh vs. Martha Mason, adm'r, et al., the following real estate will be sold at the court house corner in the city of Raleigh on MONDAY, APRIL 23, 1888, at 12 o'clock, m., that valuable house and lot in the city of Raleigh, belonging to the estate of the late William S. Mason, situate on Edenton street, between Wilmington and Hargett streets, fronting about 100 feet on Edenton street, and running back 210 feet, with an alley 10 feet wide to Wilmington street, is one of the most desirable in the city, being one of the best built houses in the city, with sewerage connection. The sale will be without reserve except that it will be made to the highest bidder. Terms of sale: One-half cash and a credit of six months as to the residue with interest at 8 per cent. S. P. MORRIS, Commissioner.

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