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Democratic District Conventions.

A convention of the Democratic party of the fourth Congressional district will be held at Raleigh on May 29th, 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.

E. J. FARRIS, Chairman executive committee. (District papers will please copy).

It was on Senator Vance's motion that the appropriation was made to the Davidson monument in the Senate.

It looks like the Republicans have managed to make New Jersey more solidly Democratic than she has ever been in recent years.

Capt. James Battle, revenue agent, who has for some time been stationed at Philadelphia, has been ordered to make Greensboro his headquarters, succeeding Mr. Clarke who has been sent to St. Louis.

The Winston Republican in wisely commenting on the fact that Gov. Scales' name is not mentioned by the Democrats as his own successor overlooks the fact that the Democrats know the law and observe it.

It is not that Gov. Scales is ineligible for a second term at this time under the Constitution, the Democrats would certainly nominate and elect him with great enthusiasm.

Johnson from an article in the North State, it appears that the Republican brethren propose to bring the National Bank robbery matter into politics.

The Monroe Enquirer says: "The News and Observer and Wilmington Star have read Governor Jarvis out of the gubernatorial race. The people will have a word or two to say about that."

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REPUBLICAN DISORGANIZATION.

How utterly torn up the Republican party is on the tariff question and at what a disadvantage that party will stand before the people in a next election are seen in the want of harmony that exists in its ranks on this important issue.

The Republicans in Congress propose nothing but to fight against the Democratic measure.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press, which is the latest and most widely circulated Republican paper in the North-west, declares that that is "not enough," and insists that "the party cannot safely go before the country on that platform."

The Republican State Committee of Wisconsin goes one step further, and in its call for a convention, demands "a revision of our tariff laws, and an important question on which the free list as nearly as possible the necessities of life and making the luxuries of life bear the expenses of government."

These are the three phases of sentiment in Republican ranks; proposing to do nothing; protesting that more obstruction is not enough, and declaring that the tariff must be reformed, taxes reduced, the free list enlarged, necessities going untaxed and luxuries paying the cost of administering the government.

The latter is substantially an echo of President Cleveland's message, and we may call these Wisconsin Republicans good Cleveland men as far as their sentiments go. They may not vote for Cleveland, but they favor his policy, they stand with him in the advocacy of his great measure of reform and tax reduction, and they have no sympathy with the obstructive purpose of the Republican leaders in Congress.

This is a very interesting statement coming from the Republican State committee who it may be assumed are not expressing their own views so much as the prevalent feeling of the Republican element in their State. They would not dare to hazard disaster by putting such a demand into their call for a convention if there were not a strong public sentiment forcing them to do it. Thus it seems that the ranks of the G. O. P. are irretrievably mixed, broken and disordered on this vital point. There can be no harmony, no unity of action between such diverse and divergent purposes. Thus, while there may be some differences among Democrats, the Republicans are still far from being united, and it seems to us that never did a political party have fairer prospects of success, because of these circumstances, than the Democrats have today. The campaign is already won. The Republicans cannot recover what they have lost, and the Democrats are marching on to assured victory.

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The people of Raleigh have a good deal of human nature about them—and if the Landmark knows any other sort of folks, they must live beyond the limits of this State.

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A Limitation on Prayer.

A minister visiting the family of a certain Congressman recently, congratulated family prayers before breakfast. The small boy of the family headed all the good man's words, and was evidently troubled thereby, as subsequent proceedings showed. At the breakfast table the small boy addressed the minister said: "What was that you prayed for?" "Why Johnny," expostulated the mother, "you must—"

"Oh, let him go on," said the minister, "I love to hear these innocent prattlers, and to answer their inquiries. You want to know, my child, what I prayed for?"

"Yes, sir," responded Johnny politely. "Well, I asked the Lord for wisdom, for guidance, for protection—"

"That's it," said the boy, interrupting, "that's it; you prayed for protection?"

"Yes, my boy," replied the minister, astonished at the looks of the boy. "Well, sir, you can't do it any more in this house. My pa is a free trader, and if he gets on to your racket he'll raise a row with you sure."

Explanations followed which removed the limit to the minister's petitions.

Guilford's Nursery Interests. Last season was a very prosperous one for our Guilford nurserymen. This section seems well adapted to the growth of all kinds of fruit trees outside the tropical belt, and the interest has been steadily on the increase since the war. Prior to 1860 Joshua Lindley, Howard Fentress and Samuel H. Westbrook were the only growers of fruit trees for sale in the county of Guilford. To-day we have the following extensive dealers: J. Van Lindley, J. S. Ragsdale & B. O. G. L. Anthony, J. C. Lindley & Bro., H. Kust, J. W. Ward, J. A. Young, I. W. White and I. J. M. Brittain, and perhaps some other small dealers. The sales of the nursery series represented by these men last year aggregated the snug sum of \$200,000, and the scope of territory embraced in distribution of trees extended from Rhode Island to Texas, and most of the Middle and many of the Western States. And today there is no section of the Union where nursery stock stands higher than that grown in Guilford county.

The Buford House Company. The Buford Hotel Company was organized in this city yesterday. The following officers were elected: President, Wm. Johnston; Secretary and Treasurer, R. M. Miller, Jr.; Board of Directors, R. M. Miller, Sr.; D. A. Tompkins, A. B. Andrews, Wm. Johnston, Fred. Oliver.

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She was a very pretty woman, and she bowed to me bewitchingly as she came in. She held up one finger archly, and said impudently: "Now, sir, I want you to stop your writing and let me have a look at you. Then she blushed charmingly, as if embarrassed at my look of amazement, I said: "My dear madam, I am busy today, and I beg you will excuse me."

She sat down beside me and made herself comfortable at once. "Now, don't let me hear another word about that; you are going to buy a book of course."

But, my dear— "She took my hand gently but firmly in hers. "I know—you are a busy man—you write all day and are too tired to read—you hardly find time to look at the paper—you—"

"Yes, madam; that's precisely the case." She chuckled me deliberately under the chin. "Do you mean to say that you are going to refuse me a miserable little dollar for this beautiful book?"

I gasped feebly and glanced at my office boy. He was evidently interested. I said: "You must be a successful book agent; you have the most fetching quality I have ever seen."

"Rash words!" She rose at once, and sitting down upon the arm of my chair threw one arm around my neck, and bending down looked tenderly into my eyes. "Now, you know, darling, you are going to do just what I say; you are going to buy—"

I heard my office boy chuckle to himself. I protested. I said: "My dear madam, this is really embarrassing—do you know—I am a married man—that I—"

She replied: "I have nothing to do with that; I am here for business."

I replied: "That statement is unnecessary; the fact is quite apparent. But I am really fond of my wife. You've got hold of the wrong man."

She seemed a trifle hurt at this, but she did not take her aim from my neck. She remained in this compromising attitude apparently lost in thought. I broke into a cold sweat. "I tell you what I'll do," she said, suddenly, bringing her face dangerously near my own: "If you'll take a copy of that book I'll promise not to kiss you before I leave the office!"

I bought the book.

Have You? If we know all the methods of approach adopted by an enemy we are the better enabled to ward off the danger and postpone the moment when surrender becomes inevitable. In no way instances the inherent strength of the body suffices to enable it to press the enemy toward death. Many, however, have lost these forces, such an extent that there is little or no help. In other cases a little to the weakened lungs will make all the difference between sudden death and many years of useful life. Upon the first symptoms of a cough or cold or any trouble of the throat or lungs, give that old and well-known remedy—Bocher's German Syrup, a careful trial. It will prove what thousands of it to be, the benefactor of any home.

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