

DEMOCRATIC DISTRICT CONVENTION.

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. By order of the committee:

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

Democratic State Executive Committee.

Raleigh, N. C., May 8th, 1888.

To the Delegates to the Democratic State Convention:

The railroad companies in the State have generally agreed to have round-trip tickets at excursion rates on sale for delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held in this city on May 30th inst., to be good from May 28th to June 4th, both inclusive. So delegates will be careful to buy tickets to Raleigh and return.

R. H. BATTLE, Chairman, &c.

Secretary.

Democratic papers please copy.

THE CONVENTIONS.

Democratic National—St. Louis, June 6th.

State—Raleigh, May 30th.

Congressional—3d District, Goldsboro, May 23d.

4th District—Raleigh, May 29th.

5th District—Greensboro, July 11th.

7th District—Salisbury, June 20th.

8th District—Lenoir, May 24th.

As an indication of the difficulty still existing of forecasting the result of the nominating convention, it may be said that some 47 counties are to hold their conventions yet.

The Ohio Democrats have spoken on the tariff to the point. There were three Ohio Democratic Congressmen who were not favorable to the Mills bill. One, Wilkins, was defeated for renomination in the fifth district. Another, Seney, was renominated but the convention declared unanimously for the measure and Seney had to chime in. Foran made a speech against the bill in the House and the convention in his district, held to appoint delegates to St. Louis, came out flat-footed for the bill, and declared that it ought to have the support of every Democrat in Congress. The people know what they want.

The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States handed down by Justice Bradley on Monday last in the case of LeCompt against Mobile is a progressive step in the same direction as the Drummers' Tax decision made some time ago. In it the court decides that while the property of a telegraph company in any town may be taxed like other property a license tax cannot be imposed for doing the business. The court holds that transmitting messages is "commerce" and that the States cannot make a law that imposes a tax on commerce. As a drummer cannot be taxed because he is "commerce," so a telegraph company cannot be taxed because it is "commerce." Thus saith this Republican court. In 1872 the court decided that an express company could be taxed, but says the court, in view of the course of decisions since made, it would now hold that an express company also is "commerce" and the decision of 1872 would be overruled. Chief Justice Waite, speaking for a majority of the court, filed a dissenting opinion in the Drummers' Tax case, which maintained and upheld the law and which he said was directly contrary to the decision of the court. We are of the same mind with Chief Justice Waite. But still Justice Bradley for the present has the last say.

GOOD FOR NEW BERNE. Hon. F. M. Simmons telegraphs to the Journal that his bill appropriating \$20,000 for a macadamized road from that city to the Federal cemetery, was passed on Monday. Mr. Simmons is to be congratulated and so are our friends, the New Bernians.

Warren County Farmers' Alliance.

Cor. of the News and Observer.

WARRENTON, N. C., May 14.

DEAR SIR: At the meeting of Warren county Farmers' Alliance on May 4th the following resolutions were submitted and adopted: That, in our efforts for social and material improvement, our main and primary purpose should not be misinterpreted or contemptuously belittled and the public mind misled by sneering editorials or insinuating correspondence sometimes appearing in various newspapers of this State and counties; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge the power of the press in moulding the mind and shaping public sentiment; and therefore, as not insensible to the good work done by our organ, the Progressive Farmer, for the advancement of our cause, it is

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to the support and extensive circulation of the Progressive Farmer to the extent of our ability.

Resolved, That we will hereafter stop and cease to be subscribers to any paper of whatever political shade or party that by means of biased editorials or prejudiced correspondence in its columns aids to defeat and nullify our efforts for a just and honorable cause; and

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be sent to the editors of the Progressive Farmer, the News and Observer, the State Chronicle and the Warrenton Gazette.

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hostilities, the work of the college was necessarily suspended, and Dr. Wilson served a number of small stations in the vicinity of the point indicated.

In 1873 he was made Presiding Elder of the Greensboro District, and in 1876, of this, the Raleigh District. In 1878 he was transferred to the Hillsboro District, and was then returned to the Raleigh District, where he had entered on the fourth year of his service when he died.

From the first, Dr. Wilson was an active member of the Board of Trustees of Trinity College, and for many years was President of the Board.

For many years also he was a Trustee of Greensboro Female College and for some years was President of the Board of Trustees of that institution. It is largely by his personal efforts and private means, indeed, it is said, that the rebuilding of the Greensboro Female College is to be attributed.

He has long been prominent in the State at large as well as in the church, and some years ago he was elected by the legislature a Trustee of the State University, continuing since an active member of the Board. Active, earnest and indefatigable he was in every post of duty to which he was called.

At the close of his tenth year in conference, Mr. Wilson was elected a reserve delegate to the General Conference. Four years after he was elected a principal delegate and has been a member of every General Conference since, save one, leading the North Carolina delegation twice. In 1882, in the election for bishops, he received a higher vote than any other nominee not elected, and in 1886, in a similar election, he received on the first ballot only 9 votes less than Bishop Key, who was afterwards elected.

Dr. Wilson was by no means an ordinary man. He was eminent for practical piety, as we have said, and was most lovable in all the relations of life. Able, zealous, true, assiduous, he was a power for good, indeed. We write of his demise with genuine sorrow. We shall not again soon look upon his like.

BUSINESS.

The Democratic party elected its candidate for President and elected a majority of the House of Representatives in 1884 on a platform favoring tax reduction. The new President early pointed out that if taxes were not reduced the surplus would be piled up in the Treasury, because there would be no way of getting the money out, for all the bonds subject to be redeemed at par were being rapidly paid, and the other bonds not due commanded a high premium. A bill was brought forward to cut down the surplus, but the Republicans were unable to defeat it. As a consequence the process of collecting unnecessary taxes could not be stopped by the President. Day after day, month after month, the immense hoard of treasure increased in volume. Money was being every day withdrawn from circulation, when the people needed all they could get for business purposes. But nothing could move the immovable Republicans. They were indifferent to the welfare of the people. They were indifferent to the prosperity of the country. They were indifferent to the necessities of trade. They cared not that the people were paying into the Treasury one hundred millions of dollars more than the government could spend even with the very extravagant appropriations made by Congress.

Fifteen years ago the appropriations for pensions were less than \$30,000,000; this item was widely increased to \$80,000,000. But still the surplus accumulated. The President proposed to increase the only way open to restore to the citizens of business the vast sum of money wrong from the people by despotic, arbitrary, unjust and useless taxation was to buy bonds at a great premium, and be demanded that this unnecessary taxation should cease; but the Republicans said no. They proposed that the people shall hereafter pay \$1,270 for government bonds not payable for twenty years yet. They propose to add more than one fourth to the public debt of the country, and to raise the money to pay it off long before it is due. That is the Republican program—the program unpatriotic, despotic and monstrous.

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Michael David declared that Ireland will see no political dictation from Home.

POWELL AND ALEXANDER.

RICHARD BATTLE FOR DELAWARE AT LARGE. Cor. of the News and Observer.

It is refreshing to read such a high toned paper as the NEWS AND OBSERVER, which gives in almost every issue the views and opinions of correspondents in every portion of our State, their choice and their views as to who is the most suitable man to be placed at the head of the State ticket for Governor. My opinion from reading the State papers is that three-fourths of the rank and file of the Democratic vote in the State are for Powell and Alexander. I read an article a few days ago in one of our daily papers, the Asheville Sun, taken from the Wilmington Review, that showed some symptoms of alarm that the great masses of the middle and western portions of the State were presenting a solid front for Judge Fowle and Alexander. From reading an expression of so many people in nearly every quarter of our State if Powell and Alexander do not receive the nomination on the first ballot, in the future I will be at a loss to know how to appreciate what the people say.

Let the rank and file come to the front and never surrender Fowle and Alexander. As I said before, the west and middle and a portion of the eastern part of the State are for Fowle and Alexander first, last and all the time.

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POLITICS IN THE MOUNTAINS.

PERFECT HARMONY AMONG THE DEMOCRATS OF BUSCOMBE. ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 13.

Perfect harmony prevailed in the Democratic meeting yesterday, and Asheville Democracy goes into line for the coming contest united, determined and enthusiastic. The delegates to the Democratic convention of these show that 85 out of the 96 are for Stedman for Governor. They are divided in sentiment between Vance, Johnston and Cox for Congress. The latter gentleman is booming up for Congress. The probabilities are that Vance and Johnston will lock horns again, and the convention may take up Cox as the most available and strongest compromise candidate. It is understood that Polk and Rutherford counties are in his favor. It is understood here that General Bob Vance is in the race. He has a multitude of warm friends and there is a widespread desire among them to return him to his old seat in the lower House. We never had a Representative who gave greater satisfaction to his constituents.

The prohibition campaign has not yet fairly opened. A newspaper called "Whisky or No Whisky" will be started for the campaign this week, under the management of Rev. Mr. Austin.

W. G. Randall, of Marion, lately resident of Asheville, has been appointed to a professorship in the University of South Carolina. He will teach free hand and mechanical drawing, surveying and civil engineering.

A detachment of the Salvation Army have made their appearance here, and will begin operations in a few days.

The Asheville Light Infantry have ordered their uniforms, State regulation pattern.

Who Shall It Be? Cor. of the News and Observer.

We see much said about who shall be our standard bearer for Governor in the coming contest. There have been many good and worthy men spoken of in this connection, and we, as a North Carolinian and a Democrat, are proud to have such a host that are worthy and well qualified to fill the position, but we believe the Hon. D. M. G. Fowle has greater claims upon the people than any other man who has been spoken of in this connection. And in view of the brilliant and disinterested services he has rendered the party, he above all others, is entitled to it. We notice a writer in presenting the claims of another says that it would be right and proper to select him because it would be in the line of promotion, but we are unable to see why Judge Fowle should be given a preference over any other man who is now in the prime of manhood, is able both physically and mentally, and in view of the fact that he has done so much and received so little, let us have Fowle. We also notice a writer says in regard to the Fowle boom that it is managed by a very shrewd politician. We do not believe this to be the case, but we believe it is a spontaneous uprising of the masses of our commonwealth; who only desire to deal out even-handed justice to a noble, generous and true man. We are thoroughly satisfied that there is no other that can so unite all the elements as the Hon. Daniel G. Fowle can. Let us have Fowle and Alexander and the shortcomings of our representatives will be partially forgotten and O, what a wonderful shaking up there will be of the lukewarm Democracy!

THE ALLIED REGIONS. MACKAY'S FERRY, N. C., May 11.

The long dry spell is over. The rain commenced yesterday and continued through last night and this morning. We now have a fine "season" and the crops will soon be beloved to behold.

Some of our most intelligent farmers are advocating wine making along the shores of the Albemarle. The sunponing grape grows wild here and the planted vineyard is, when properly attended, at the rate of twenty barrels of wine per acre. It sells readily for \$40 per barrel, making \$800 per acre. Two-thirds of this amount is profit. It is certainly the best crop that can be planted here and the vines they will be in full bearing. And another advantage is, land too poor to produce cotton or corn will grow these grapes to perfection. Verily the resources of our country are only in the infancy of development.

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(COM.) GREENVILLE, N. C., May 8, '88.

In the obituary notice relative to the death of Mrs. Harry Skinner, written by kind friends, they omitted to say that she requested a Catholic priest to be sent for. Father Price, of New Berne, answered the summons, and from him she received the last sacraments of the church in which she had faithfully lived and died. With perfect resignation and calmness she rendered up her young life to Him who giveth and taketh away.

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A Word From Wilkes.

Cor. of the News and Observer. WILKESBORO, N. C.

The delegates from Wilkes to the State convention go unopposed except for Supreme Court Judge. They of course will endorse Judge Davis for the position he now holds. It was deemed expedient not to present for Governor a local majority of the people favoring Fowle for that position; however the delegates may vote.

The convention heartily endorsed the course of our representative in Congress, Col. Cowles, and instructed the delegates to the Congressional convention to vote solidly for him, and use all honorable means to secure his nomination.

I was glad to see Judge Fowle's reply to the slanderous article published in the Landmark about him. Every one who knows Judge Fowle knows that such charges could not be true, and are brought against him at the time when all counties are holding their conventions through anything but interest for the Democratic party.

The man who would write such an article and conceal his name is the one who would be apt to sulk in his tent after a nominating convention and attempt to set out to the other side, and not the patriotic and unselfish Democrat that every one acquainted with him knows Judge Fowle to be.

NICHOLAS KUHNEN, DAYTON, IOWA. Gentlemen are advised to buy the Pappoose cigar by the box. John Y. MacRae.

The Brazilian Chamber of Deputies has passed a bill ordering the immediate abolition of slavery throughout the Empire.

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PHIL. H. ANDREWS & CO. SEALED PROPOSALS. RALEIGH, N. C., May 8th, 1888.

Sealed proposals will be received until Saturday, May 19th, 1888, at noon, for the following work and material: 1st. Brick work for the erection of the N. C. College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts according to plans and revised specifications of same.

The Executive Committee will furnish all brick and all lumber for scaffolding. Estimated quantity of brick to be used \$800,000.

The building is to be located one mile west of the corporate limits of Raleigh, lines of Raleigh & Augusta and Richmond & Danville railroads.

2. For stone work and material (granite and sandstone) to be used in erecting said College, according to plans and specifications as amended and revised. Samples of stone and name of quarry must be shown.

3. For pavement, door and window frames as per plans, specifications and detailed drawings, all of which for the above can be seen at the office of the undersigned in this city.

4. The Executive Committee reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

W. S. PRIMROSE, Chairman Executive Committee, may 9th.

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