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SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1888.

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. PARRISH, Chairman executive committee. (District papers will please copy).

Democratic State Executive Committee.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 18th, 1888.

To the Delegates to the Democratic State Convention: The general companies in the State have recently 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.

B. C. BECKWITH, Secretary. Democratic papers please copy.

THE CONVENTIONS. Democratic National—St. Louis, June 5th. State—Raleigh, May 30th.

1st District—Elizabeth City, June 11. Congressional—3d District, Goldsboro, May 23d.

4th District—Raleigh, May 29th. 5th District—Greensboro, July 11th.

6th District—Wilmington, June 27. 7th District—Salisbury, June 20th. 8th District—Lenoir, May 24th.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION. The convention of the Democratic party in Wake county for the election of delegates to the State convention etc. will meet at 12 o'clock today in Metropolitan Hall, this city.

The newly elected township executive committees will meet for the purpose of electing a county executive committee, etc., an hour earlier in the Court House.

The judiciary committee of the Northern Methodist Conference decides that bishops hold office for life.

The Democrats of Nevada take a pretty rank hold, but they are mighty right in endorsing President Cleveland's administration and denouncing the surplus revenue.

Today quite a number of Democratic conventions, Wake included, will be held throughout the State with more expectation of a reliable result after the returns come in from these.

Time was when Mahone and John S. Wise sat side by side in Virginia Republican (so-called) conventions. "Now the distance between them is measured in more senses than one." The Richmond Dispatch says, the Mahone forces are widely split. Hence we accept with alacrity the invitation extended by the Dispatch to "shake."

We wish the Old Dominion an even more speedy riddance of Mahoneism than seems inevitable.

They are talking now of bridging the British channel. Thirty-two million pounds sterling, they say, or about a hundred and sixty million dollars, will be ample for the purpose, and this is but a trifle, of course. It is a French contractor, however, who is pushing the scheme and the British government may have the same objection to a bridge that it has to the tunnel, which has been proposed.

The question at Washington is whether the Republican leaders will accept the proposition of Mr. Mills to vote on the tariff bill as a whole at the close of general debate or will prefer to consider it item by item, in the hope of securing its defeat in that way. It is earnestly to be hoped that the tariff reformers are right in their expression of belief that they will win whichever horn of the dilemma is taken.

Blaine has been heard from again. A letter from a gentleman in Italy who interviewed him and to whom he said he would "most assuredly not enter the field again, that he is through with politics for a while," was published in Buffalo just as the Republican Convention there broke up. It appears, however, to have been written three weeks ago, before the first State convention was held, and the Blaine man says a spy named James has changed his mind since then. We may yet expect to hear of cable instructions from the man from Maine to "burn that letter" as well as the prior one from Florence.

The Ohio Democrats endorsed Cleveland with cheers and shouts. Their tariff reform views of our able executive were heartily sustained by a convention full of enthusiasm. And so it goes all over the country. The only question at St. Louis will be as to the nominee for Vice-President and the result of the deliberations in this case we wish to see Hon. A. E. Stei-

neron of Illinois, a man of North Carolina antecedents, of enough availability, of honesty, capability and fitness. We hope to see his name coupled with that of Cleveland for the victory. Let us await the Democratic

The Virginia Republican convention at Petersburg was a most uproarious gathering from all accounts and ended in a wide and angry split between the Mahone and Wise factions. The little General seems to have made his grip just a little too tight and his ablest lieutenants kick clear out of the traces as a consequence. At last accounts an anti-Mahone convention had proceeded to elect delegates to Chicago and so on as if there never had been such a pigmy as Mahone. It seems to have been quite a parrot and monkey time they had and the Democratic party of the State is to be congratulated. As it was at Petersburg we hope it may always be with the enemies of Democracy—shame and confusion and angry breach and threatening. It is the Democratic doctrine alone in its purity that can prevail long or with any degree of satisfaction for any length of time among a free people.

Mr. RANPALL has delivered himself of his carefully prepared argument in behalf of the bill he has offered in opposition to the regular Democratic measure for stoppage of the surplus and to it reform, but he will find himself wholly unable to convince any considerable number of people of patriotic intent in obstructing the only measure of relief for the people that has any chance of passing. In the eye of genuine Democracy he must appear in the light of an obstructionist merely. His bill is all right as far as it goes, or rather is upon the right line, and his wish for the abolition of the internal revenue system is not a branch suit North Carolinians to a "P," but his tariff reform does not begin to go far enough, does not touch the evils of protection which are doing the country such great harm, and in his provision for the total repeal of the internal system he shuts his eyes to the fact that such repeal, though certainly most devoutly to be wished, is unattainable at present and puts beyond hope what is possible in the way of a modification of the evil. A wiser position than this is necessary at the present juncture and that wiser position is to be found in the position taken by the Democratic party in its Mills bill.

NORTH CAROLINA is naturally a Democratic State and must be kept so. Every real interest of the State demands this. Earnest work is necessary to such end, however. The Democratic vote must be got to the polls. There must be Democratic harmony in Wake and in every other county. Agreement must be made now on the best men to lead the Democratic host, regardless of personal or any other sort of prejudices, and there must be a closing up of ranks and a standing shoulder to shoulder for the party nominees. There must be thorough organization if every county, and by this we mean organized on every voting precinct up, and patriotic citizens of the State. There must be such organization as will secure a poll of the full party strength. The alternative is a very real possibility of a return to the horrors of Radical control, and such a thing is not to be permitted by the men who are really interested in the welfare. Such a thing must be put beyond the range of possibility, but this can only be done by hard work. Are our Wake county brethren prepared to do their part of what is necessary? We believe they are.

SENATOR VANCE has the tenth of his series of articles on the tariff in the Baltimore Sun of the 16th. He shows that the tariff tax necessarily injures five sixths of the people of the country, and that the end and object of the protective tariff is to increase prices. The protected manufacturer is benefited by the Radical system we have to endure because of course he gets more for what he has to sell under protection than he would get otherwise, but he represents comparatively a very small class. The great body of the people are taxed, and taxed heavily, grievously, in order that he may enjoy the extraordinary profit afforded him, and this is by no means just. All who have no manufactured product to sell, professional men, for instance, merchants, those in personal service and transportation, women, orphan children, all who live on fixed incomes and are like an immensely large class—have the prices of everything they have to buy increased, and cannot in any way be compensated for the loss. The farmer and the planter suffer most under the system; for they not only have the prices of their purchases increased by the bonus they are made to pay the protected manufacturer but their income is diminished in that they are compelled to sell their surplus products in the markets of nations upon equal terms and thus suffer a lowering of the prices they obtain. The truth is that it is only necessary to have light thrown upon this tariff question for everybody to see the enormity of the purely protective system, except those, of course, who are wilfully blind. Senator Vance is very successfully engaged in giving the people this light.

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State Democratic Convention

THE BOLDLY CANDIDATE. Of the News and Observer.

SMITHVILLE, N. C., May 15, 1888. The show draws nigh when the Democratic party in convention assembles will choose the man in whose hands it will intrust its standard for the campaign of 1888. It is needless to say that the event of the election this year is of more importance to the people of the State than that of any other election for 30 or 35 past.

We all hope for a continuance of the Democratic party in the nation. North Carolina will be the field of a hard fought battle and the gentleman who receives the nomination for Governor need not feel that his nomination amounts to an election for his election is a question of much doubt. It is not my purpose to draw any contrast between the candidates who seek the nomination. They are all good men, but if fortune has placed one of these men in such a position that his life and his record will call forth more of enthusiasm from his fellow countrymen, then this is the man in whose hands should be placed our standard. It so happened that when his State called for troops Maj. Chas. M. Stedman was among the first to volunteer. He was in the fight at Bethel, and in the tremendous shock of arms which followed he was found not doing mere nominal duty, but he was always in the thickest of the fight. True that it was Maj. Stedman's duty to do battle for his State, but the highest type of manhood is that which comes nearest to doing its whole duty and the highest commendation which can be bestowed upon any man is to tell that he has done his duty.

There is a bond which unites the brave men who stood together through all the vicissitudes of fortune during that terrible period of warfare. They were companions in suffering, they endured all the hardships of warfare together; they lived on scant rations together; half clad they marched at the double-quick over the frozen hills of Northern Virginia. The pledge of their friendship has been written in blood upon the field of many a hard fought battle, and there it will remain as long as life shall last. So it is that all over North Carolina today rallies to Maj. Stedman the support of North Carolina's soldiers, and so it will be upon the day of election if he shall receive the nomination. To his support, regardless of frail political ties, will rally thousands of his comrades. And this is not all. The manhood of the State which is bound to him by no such ties, appreciating the virtue of the citizen and admiring the valor of the soldier, will give him its support. If this soldier is put forward to lead our hosts there will be no apology to make for him, no excuses to render, no explanations to be made, but every element of the party will support him with genuine enthusiasm and with high appreciation of his pure life, his sterling qualities and his high type of manhood which he represents.

I shall not offer to trespass further upon the space of your paper, after asking you to print the following in connection with a letter to the Chatham Record by a gentleman of high standing in your county who says: "I have known Maj. Stedman since he was a young man, and he has been a soldier, a wounded soldier, who through misfortune, had become hopelessly involved in debt. His home was sold under a mortgage and Stedman became the purchaser, paying six hundred dollars therefor. He told the wounded soldier that he bought the land for him, to go to work, take care of his wife and children and that no man should molest him. Within two years that soldier passed over the river and 'Charlie' then made a deed for the land to his wife and children. No selfish motive, no calculating policy, no casting his bread upon the waters with an eye single to its return prompted that act; it was a spontaneous emotion from a sympathetic heart, the answer of a generous soul to the signal of distress, and if this is the history of his life we know him 'as but one of a hundred kindred acts.'"

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