

LENOIR TOPIC.

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The Pennsylvania Democratic convention is called for August 1.

The Democrats of Ohio have nominated Judge Hoadley for Governor.

Last Friday Col. W. E. Mebane, a prominent citizen of Rockingham, committed suicide by drowning. Financial troubles.

The Wilmington & Weldon Rail road authorities are discussing the project of building a road from Florence to Wilson.

A heavy wind and rain storm prevailed on the C. C. & W. N. C. railroads. A trestle was washed away between Alexanders and Warm Springs.

EDITOR Elam of the Richmond Whig, called editor Belme, of the Richmond State a liar. Duel to the death at Hanover was held on Friday just on the eve of firing. It is rumored that they will go out of Virginia and fight.

At a late meeting of the trustees of Trinity College, Rev. Marquis L. Wood was elected President. This selection for that important position seems to be generally commended, as Mr. Wood is spoken of as a fit successor to the lamented Dr. Craven. Col. Julian S. Carr continues the "scholarship" medal formerly given by Dr. Craven.

The Newbern Journal having insinuated that Hon. Daniel G. Fowle would be willing to lead a Mahoning scheme in North Carolina, the News and Observer takes the responsibility of denying the statement emphatically and we do not doubt that Judge Fowle thanks the editor for the kindness.

The commencement exercises at Davidson College this year are said to have been full of interest. Many distinguished persons were present and the address by Gen. Bennett Young, of Kentucky, was a marked success. Gen. Young is President of an important railroad system in Kentucky and came to North Carolina, by way of Asheville, in his own special car. He has created considerable reputation of late by having promulgated an order on his roads, forbidding the running of trains except in cases of absolute necessity.

The massacre of the innocents at the Sunderland, England, theatre was a piece of wanton carelessness that should be severely dealt with by the authorities. Over 200 children had died, up to last accounts, because the managers of the building did not give the infant audience the benefit of all the means of exit which the house afforded. It was an act of criminality in the management to make thousands of children, who are much more liable to panic than grown persons, squeeze through a narrow aperture when they might have walked through a wide doorway.

In New England, we observe, there are conflicting opinions as to the successful working of the prohibition laws. Neal Dow and his followers say that the law is a blessing to the community even though liquors are brought into the States in a "contraband way." On the other hand the opponents of the measure allege that its effect is to weaken the respect of the people for law when they see an illicit trade in spirits carried on. It is certain that there is less unanimity than formerly in that section in favor of prohibition. On the other hand the Maryland prohibitionists are preparing for a warm canvass of that State and are trying to get both parties to show their hands. This they find a difficult matter. It is certainly an important question and one the solution to which we look for with anxiety, for the course of whiskey is a great evil and, we fear, a growing evil in this country.

It is well enough probably to discuss the Presidential question this early so that when the trying time comes the best man may be selected. It has generally resulted that the gentlemen, whose names are broached thus early in the campaign, fall through and a "dark horse" carries off the honors. We see that Mr. Barnum, Chairman of the Democratic Committee, while acknowledging himself as not personally friendly to Governor Butler, of Massachusetts, says that he is very strong in New England. We think that Butler's chances of the Democratic nomination are decidedly

slim, for while he may be able to carry little New England with a vote he has no special popularity in the Middle and Western States and is very distasteful to the South. Mr. Barnum, of Pennsylvania, is mentioned as a candidate and also the old ticket of Tilden and Hendricks. With regard to this last combination we notice that Mr. Tilden's old age is quickly brought up as an objection by the politicians, though we really believe that with the great mass of the people, provided the old age and infirmities of the head of the ticket were not an objection, Tilden and Hendricks is a popular combination.

On another page we print from the columns of an esteemed contemporary a resume of the star route case. That the conspirators, who stood convicted before the country and were cleared by the jury, even though the Government did make every effort for their conviction, is a certain indication that there is something radically wrong in our methods. And here lies the wrong. Since 1861 the Republican party has been in power and in all that time every rat hole and intricacy in the whole government machinery has become perfectly familiar to the men who have held the office. A reform may have gone to work determined to reform the public service and yet he could not do it. He is not absolute in his own party; there are powers behind the throne that the public knows not of. It requires a clean sweep and a thorough cleansing of the Augean stable in order to get rid of the chronic corruption that is eating away the life and elasticity of our public service. Tilden would have overturned the tables of the money changers, while Hayes and the mock reformers who have succeeded him have only been able to push them back into the alcoves and dark corners of the temple. A democratic President and administration would have succeeded in convicting the guilty star routes.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

On Sunday night at Versailles, Ky., two brothers named Brown shot and killed the town marshal, Geo. Freeman, while he was trying to arrest them.

There were no new developments in McGeoch's failure at Chicago yesterday. The estimated losses by the collapse of the "corner" in land are \$2,570,000.

The gigantic floating fish cannery built at Victoria, B. C., went to sea on Sunday night. It will follow the runs of fish from river to river, and all the work will be done on board.

The steamer Sophia, with Prof. Nordenskjold and his Arctic exploring expedition, arrived at Reykjavik, Iceland, on June 6. The party is intended to start for Greenland on the 10th instant.

It is stated that twenty-one suits so far have been commenced against the trustees of the Brooklyn bridge by relatives of the victims of the disaster of Decoration Day. The damages claimed aggregate about \$50,000.

The steamer Arabic, which arrived at San Francisco on Sunday, brought 700 cases of opium, valued at \$500,000, and on which the duties amounted to \$250,000. It is estimated that before July 1st there will be \$3,000,000 worth of opium in San Francisco.

FAYETTE, Mo., June 20.—E. L. Stewart, aeronaut, made an ascension here on Monday in an old hot air balloon which burst when it had attained the height of about 2,000 feet. The balloon and aeronaut came down with a rush and both plunged into Bonne Femme Creek. Stewart's body was recovered.

While a public sale was in progress near Ravanna, Mo., last Saturday, a heavy thunderstorm came up, and about thirty men took refuge in a large barn. The building was struck by lightning, and John Bowers, James Berry and George Wyatt were killed and two or three others were injured.

The Milton Hydraulic Mining Company's reservoir, near Smartville, Cal., containing 650,000,000 cubic feet of water, burst on Monday afternoon. The rush of water was irresistible and swept everything in its path. It raised the Middle Yuba river 100 feet and carried away all the bridges. Several lives are reported to have been lost.

An order of arrest was granted in New York yesterday by Judge Lawrence against Wong Ching Foo, editor of the Chinese-American, who is defendant in a libel suit brought against him by Chan Pond Tipp. Plaintiff says he was referred to in Foo's paper as a criminal and thief, and he asked \$25,000 damages. Wong Ching Foo was locked up in default of \$2,000 bail.

The correspondents of the Kansas Board of Agriculture report that although the acreage is short of last year, the yield per acre will be above the average for the past five years. The area of corn is greater than ever before, and although backward in some localities, the State has never had such a bright prospect for a big corn crop.

An encounter took place at Morro, Peru, on May 30, between 200 professional troops and 300 Montoneros, a large number of whom were unarmed. The professional troops were victorious. The Montoneros lost two officers and 25 men. On the prefectural side there were 14 killed, including Major Correa. The Montoneros are being pursued.

Miss Mary Alice Almont Livingston who recovered a verdict for \$75,000 in one of the New York courts against Henry Flemming for breach of promise of marriage and seduction, has compromised the case with the defendant on payment of \$15,000. Her counsel, M. E. Sawyer, has refused to accept her tender of \$2,500 as his fee, and has brought suit for \$5,000.

LONDON, June 20.—A dispatch from Mataram, Java states that a Dutch schooner, which went ashore at Prata Island, while on a voyage from Hong Kong, was boarded by Chinese fishermen, who robbed the vessel of all the valuables on board, and threatened the crew with spears and daggers. One boat has reached Hong Kong for assistance, and the British gunboat Swift has been ordered to the scene.

BARNUM ON BUTLER.—William H. Barnum, of Connecticut, chairman of the democratic national committee, said to a Cleveland reporter on Saturday: "Personally, I am not a very strong Butler man; still the fact cannot be disguised that he is a very strong candidate. Down in the New England States it is a foregone conclusion that Ben. Butler will be the next president of the United States. This State administration is popular among the people. He would carry all of the New England States, except Vermont and Rhode Island."

WHERE THE OPIUM COMES FROM.—An Yang Miner, the new Chinese consul at New York, in a recent conversation with a representative of the Herald, after expressing his willingness to assist the authorities in the suppression of the opium dens in that city, called attention to the fact that the opium which is brought to America does not come from China, but from English possessions. The treaty between the United States and China, he said, prohibits Chinese from sending the drug into America and Americans from sending it into China. All that comes to America is imported by Caucasians from the English, and then sold to Chinese subjects here. The revenue which the English government derived from the licenses to manufacture opium in Hong Kong last year was more than \$150,000.

DEATH OF MRS. WHARTON J. GREEN.

The wife of Col. Wharton J. Green, Congressman from the third district, died at her home at Tokay, near Fayetteville, Saturday afternoon, aged about 44 years. For years she had been an invalid, but within the past three months her illness had assumed a more dangerous form. Mrs. Green was a Miss Ellory, and was born in Massachusetts. She had a very large circle of acquaintances in this State.

A DUEL AT HARRISBURG.

Remarkable Combat Between Two Young Men, and All for Love—A Fight that Lasted Sixteen Minutes—How the Meeting was Arranged and What it was About.

Last Monday morning an extraordinary encounter between two young men took place at Harrisburg, a short distance from this city, on the Richmond and Danville Railroad, and the presence in the city yesterday, of one of the combatants with his second, is how the particulars of the "affair of honor" leaked out. The meeting at Harrisburg of the two young men was premeditated and the parties had come to an agreement as to the time and place of meeting, by correspondence. One of the parties was a Mr. Morris, of Wilmington, this State, and the other a Mr. Hoffman, of South Carolina, but who has been going to school at King's Mountain. The cause of the difficulty is simply that both the young men were in love with the same young lady, and the green-eyed monster got in his work on them. They cut at each other for a time and finally their enmity became so great that they decided to fight it out according to the code. No weapons were to be used, according to the agreement, but they were to have a simple, but genu-

ine slugging match, such as the iron fist gladiators of old indulged in to the delight of the Romans. The two young men, accompanied by their friends, or seconds, met a Harrisburg promptly Monday morning, as agreed upon, and prepared for the fray. They were placed in position and at the word, fell upon each other with all the fierceness born of madness. They punneled each other soundly for about five minutes when the North Carolinian was knocked to the ground but got up and resumed the fight. They fought for exactly sixteen minutes by the watch, when both gladiators, bloody and bruised fell to the ground. The seconds rushed to the side of each of the fallen "slugs" and endeavored to raise them for a renewal of the contest, but without success. Both were fainted and each one unmindful of the celebrated McDuff's invocation, cried, "enough." The seconds insisted on the fight proceeding, but each combatant declared himself satisfied. They were assisted to rise and then, in the presence of the seconds, they shook hands and declared the matter settled. The combatants were washed and cleaned up when they took the train for their homes, Mr. Hoffman coming through Charlotte and spending a day here.

THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

The work of the excavating for the foundations, &c., of the Governor's mansion began yesterday. The building stands on Blount street, near the spot where stands the old "Lovejoy" academy which has been for half a century of more a landmark in the city. Around the old school old associations cluster thick, for people of all ages have studied lessons and been well "bitched" there in days past or present. But the old and inconvenient building, by no means suitable for a school house, gives way to the march of improvement, and the new mansion will adorn the grove of oaks, which, too, are passing away, and must soon be replaced by other trees.

It may not be amiss to give some sort of a description of the mansion. It will be of brick, faced with brown sandstone of fine color and texture, from Anson county. It will have a basement, two full stories and an attic story. The roof is of slate. The building is in modern style and is spacious and comfortable as to interior arrangement, both of rooms and hallways. It is not, we are informed, expected or desired to be completed in time for occupancy by the present Governor, but every effort will be made to have it ready to turn over to the next incumbent of the executive chair. The building will be handsome, one of the handsomest, in fact, in the city or State.

THE MASONIC CELEBRATION.

Last Saturday, the 23rd, was a beautiful day full of bright auspices for the Masonic Celebration at Boone, which had been looked forward to by the good people of Watauga for weeks. Early in the day the crowds began flocking into town in large numbers from all parts of the county and by 10 o'clock, it is estimated, there were nearly 2,000 people in Boone.

At that hour Watauga, Snow and Elk Lodges and Eastern Star (No. 1) Chapter met in Masonic Hall and formed in line of march. The ladies composing the Eastern Star Chapter were in front, followed in order by the members of Watauga, Snow and Elk Lodges, and under the guidance of Chief Marshal, Joseph B. Clarke, the procession marched down Main Street, through the vast concourse of spectators, to the beautiful grove on the outskirts of town upon which Mr. John F. Hardie's handsome new house is built. There were between 150 and 200 Masons in line. As viewed by us, standing in a prominent place, the procession was an imposing spectacle.

In perfect order the audience became seated in a semi circle beneath the shady oaks and the exercises were opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wiggins. At the conclusion of the prayer the orator of the occasion, Hon. Robert B. Vance, of Asheville, was introduced. Having heard General Vance frequently before, we consider this address one of his happiest efforts. He spoke extemporaneously, without any notes, and we regret that we are unable to give even a brief resume of his remarks. To sum up, it was an interesting address and was much appreciated by the audience. At the conclusion of Gen. Vance's speech, Mr. J. F. Morphey made a short speech in relation to Eastern Star Chapter, which is the only one in the State, and Rev. I. W. Thomas also spoke briefly.

Now comes the difficult task. How to describe the jolly time we had at dinner! On the long tables stretched out in the grove lay hamper and

baskets full of the best of good things to eat, and that great crowd of thousands feasted and was satisfied and there was plenty left. Too much credit cannot be given to the skillful managers of the affair and to the good ladies who so abundantly provided for the necessities of the vast concourse. The day continued bright, not a drop of rain fell and the ceremonies were concluded without a hitch or a false step. The address was to have been made in the Methodist church, but as soon as it was filed and the crowd was not visibly diminished, the managers wisely adjourned to the grove. After the speaking a collection was made in behalf of the Oxford Orphan Asylum and a handsome sum was the result. The Celebration was a decided success and the Masons and citizens of Watauga won from the visitors hearty plaudits for their open handed hospitality and courteous attention. The Topic lifts its beaver and returns thanks for many favors shown and is as proud as can be that its predictions concerning the result were so well fulfilled.

When the Masons of Watauga turn out again, may we be there to see.

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SUMMONS—A. E. Haigler—Plaintiff.

William Howard, John Brown and wife Prudence, Samuel, Eli and Laura Howard, John, Peter and Sarah How, Matthew, Hayward and Martha Howard, Defendants.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

To the Sheriff of Caldwell County—GREETING: You are hereby commanded to summon the defendants above named, if to be found within your County, to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Caldwell within 20 days after the service of this summons on them, exclusive of the day of such service, and answer the Complaint, a copy of which will be deposited in the office of the Clerk of said Superior Court for said County, within ten days from the date of this summons, and let them take such steps as they shall see fit to take for the purpose of trying their case. The Plaintiff will take judgment against them for the relief demanded in said Complaint, viz: the sale for partition of the land in said County belonging to the heirs at law of Cornelius Howard, deceased, and do all things necessary for your trial of issue. M. E. SHELL, C. S. C. Caldwell County. June 22, 1883. mh21-14

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