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Another Life Saved.

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EDITORIAL BRIEFS AND POINTS.

BOB Ingersoll says Gresham is the coming Republican.

CALIFORNIA Democratic State Convention is solid for Cleveland.

OHIO Democrats indorse Cleveland and tariff reform. Sensible.

THE Charlotte *Observer* is to be revived again.

The Philadelphia *Press*, Blaine organ, gives him 377 out of 822.

THE war cloud in Europe is still dark.

THE Democratic State Convention meets Wednesday.

NORTH Carolina Republicans are now panting for public pap.

THE Winston *Daily* says: "The Winston pistol-bearing negro must go." Go where?

MR. CLEVELAND continues to use language from the shoulder regarding fraudulent pension claims.

"So there is a Waterloo for every despotic Napoleon." Did any one whisper Chicago and Mahone?

STATISTICS show that in North Carolina insanity is on the increase among the negroes.

THE New York Democracy was never more united than now. Is this harmony due to Charles A. Dana's work?

"THE fiend with the projecting umbrella now occupies, by general consent, the place once filled by the educated hog." We doubt it.

STANLEY and Emir Bey have been hunting each other for months, and now a third party is hunting them both.

"THE Gresham boom is solid." Yes; so solid that its friends cannot move it. It's a regular dead weight.

THE Benjy Butler side-show to the next presidential campaign has not been organized yet, but the lovers of fun need not be discouraged

FORAKER and Sherman have the satisfaction of knowing that all good citizens would be glad to see them knife each other at Chicago.

"THE Hudson river tunnel promises to become one of the biggest bores in the world." Hold on; the tariff discussion in Congress isn't finished.

"Two Harvard students have been fined $100 and costs for maintaining a liquor nuisance." They were probably taking care of a drunken friend.

"A FEMALE saloon-keeper in Albany sent Governor Hill a costly bouquet in recognition of his veto of the high-license bill." What was the age, and what the brand?

SPEAKER Carlisle thinks the present session will be the longest known in the history of Congress That is the indication at present, to say the least of it.

GRESHAM men in Washington are warm and indignant. They spit upon the Blaine plan to make him second on the ticket. Carry the news to Joe Hoskins.

MAJ. Robert Bingham lectured to a large audience, at Mebane last night, on "What he Saw in Europe." Wonder if he stated whether or not he saw Walter Bingham in his travels.

THE *National Republican* declares emphatically that the unit rule in Virginia is a "dead cock in the pit." This will slightly impaired Billy Mahone's chances for the Vice-Presidency.

PRESIDENT Cleveland's popularity seems to be widening out. A special from Darlington, Indian Territory, says the Democrats of the territory yesterday endorsed President Cleveland and his tariff reform policy, and elected delegates at large to the National Convention.

GEN. CABELL, of Texas, throwing down the gauntlet to President Cleveland on civil service reform, is about such a performance as was Don Quixote's assault upon the wind mills.

THERE is hardly anything surer in the book of fate than that the Democratic party will carry North Carolina this fall if the stay-at homes can be gotten to the polls.

"WHEN the conference of Northern Methodists stuffs ballot boxes in an election of bishops, it seems high time for the Northern Republicans to stop the disgusting cry of election frauds in the South." Well, we should "smoil."

THE Republicans have thrown a sop to the Knights of Labor. A member of that order was nominated for delegate at large very ostentatiously, but got beaten badly.

IN 1884 Tammany went to Chicago opposed to the nomination of Grover Cleveland. Next month it will go to St. Louis with banners and music and white plug hats, to shout for Cleveland's renomination.

THE PATRIOT rises to suggest the formation at once of a Democratic club in Greensboro, the acknowledged headquarters for the fifth district Democracy. Do we hear a second?

THE Senate amendments to the River and Harbor bill, as it left the House, increases the appropriation one and a half million dollars, and of this amount North Carolina rivers get about $300,000.

"THE so-called civilized world spent years in trying to break into China. Now it is making strenuous efforts to keep the Chinese from breaking out." Or, rather, to keep China from breaking into the civilized world.

"COLD as John Sherman is, it is probable that his thoughts were not very refrigerating when he heard the news from Petersburg," or the result of the Republican State Convention of North Carolina.

"THE rumor that John L. Sullivan is to run a circus creates no surprise whatever. As a matter of fact, that is all Mr. Sullivan has been doing for a number of years." Yes, and John has always been the biggest brute in the animal division.

THE New York Times says: "The public record of a wise and worthy President is the most effective influence that can be exerted in behalf of his renomination.' Another erstwhile Republican paper needs disciplining.

GENERAL Woodford says: "I believe in the most emphatic manner that the majority of intelligent, industrious, wealth-producing citizens of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia are today on the side of the Republican party." What an awfully credulous man General Woodford must be.

THE brilliant example set by the Atlanta *Constitution* in putting itself in line with its party is one that should commend itself to Democrats everywhere who hold the same economical views as the *Constitution*. The *Constitution* has realised that unity and harmony are necessary to Democratic success, and it refuses to aid the enemy by sulking in its tent.

THE Richmond *State* in summing up the "certainties" puts it down in bold letters that our earnest, active, vigorous Democratic President, the upholder of historic Democratic principles and the exponent of the wishes of a large majority of his party at the present time, will be renominated at St. Louis. Another is that Grover Cleveland will never be nominated on a Sam Randall platform.

THE Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette says: "Persons have often wondered what substance the Japanese and Chinese use to lacquer the woods with which they construct coffins and many other articles of taste and ornament for household use." The Japanese and Chinese certainly have curious ideas. Where, save in Japan and China, would a coffin be considered an article of taste and ornament for household use?

BELVA LOCKWOOD is in the field, tricycle and all. The gallant old girl announces herself as the candidate for the presidency of the woman's rights party, and her platform is "Git thar, ef you kin!" Once again we beg to tender to BELVA the assurance of our most distinguished consideration, and say to her without hesitation that her platform is broad enough to leave room for Jim Blaine on it, even after Belva has spread her skirts.

WITHOUT professing to know much about Republican politics, and recognizing the fact that it is none of our fight, foot-race, nor funeral, nevertheless, we cannot forbear, as an amused looker on, to remark that the Republican convention which met in this city last Tuesday to nominate a candidate for Congress seemed to us mere indications of a forlorn hope. Just ask Bob Douglas. We have no disposition in the world to spoil sport, and in so far as these gentlemen are contributing to public amusement by worrying their political brethren, we wish them a gay time.

"JOHN L. Sullivan, who is now in the circus business, says he would like to see any "duffer" try to crawl under the canvass while he is on deck." Sullivan should remember that he is heading for a civilized community.

THE New Orleans *Times Democrat* reads Mr. Randall's speech to mean that he is not opposed to tariff reform, but is in favor of cutting down both the internal revenue and the tariff. Then why doesn't he support the Mills bill, which abolishes nearly all the tobacco taxes? Simply because paramount in his eyes is the perpetuation of the bounties now enjoyed by the iron lords of Pennsylvania.

A DANGEROUS TENDENCY.

Separating the wheat from the chaff, and making a proper distinction between authentic information of indisputable facts and highly colored accounts of "extraordinary booms" and "remarkable progress," the conclusion is reasonable that the South is making gratifying and substantial advancement in manufacturing and all kinds of mechanical industries. This is as it should be: skilled labor, with adequate compensation and steady employment, is of material benefit—it is almost a necessity—to the prosperity of large communities. The mechanic raises a family, and the family must have a home; he and his belongings are part and parcel of the thrift of his town; his weekly earnings help to fill the till of the grocer, the clothier and the general merchandise dealer; his subscription supports the school, and his donation helps on the work of religion. Villages grow into towns, and towns become cities, by the judicious utilization of their water power, the development of their manufacturing resources, and the employment of the artisan and his workmanship.

But we see in the South—manifested in the current newspaper press, and cropping out in public sentiment—a tendency to magnify manufactures at the expense of every other industrial calling. Agriculture has been going down steadily in the estimation of men for the past few years, until now, to use a homely phrase, it is below par—and, worst of all, the tillers of the soil themselves belittle their avocation, turn wearily from the farm, and look with longing eyes toward the towns and cities, deeming them full of golden promise and opportunity.

We shall not indulge here in the time-worn platitudes of the independence, tranquility and other inestimable advantages of the farmers' life. But a little reflection should convince the most sanguine that mills, factories and foundries must, for very many years, employ but a small percentage of the labor of the South; upon agriculture must be our main dependence for the remainder of this century at least, and our prosperity as a people still depends, and must depend, upon that of agriculture.

We hope much from the deep interest which has recently been manifested by American farmers—and especially Southern farmers—in their own more efficient organization. System and method cannot fail to accomplish much in remedying evils which have been long suffered, and bringing about results which have been long needed. The Southern farmer lacks neither intelligence, liberality nor energy—the difficulty has hitherto been that, as a class, there was no concert of action.

Let us have the workshops, the busy wheel and the musical spindles and loom, by all means; but let us not neglect that calling which furnishes the bread for the workman's stalwart frame and the products for the labor of his hand.

A "TRAVELER" writing the Raleigh *News and Observer* from Goldsboro has this to say of Henry Blount's memorial address: I stopped in Goldsboro to hear the Memorial address of Henry Blount, and I never heard a richer and rarer treat. Judging from the applause which greeted every sentence, everybody was electrified with his superb eloquence and thrilling oratory. I never heard prettier language in my life; I never heard more gorgeous garlands of rhetoric; I never heard a grander delivery; I don't believe he can be surpassed. And this is the verdict of all who heard him.

The Beacon, a prohibition paper published at Springfield Ohio, says that one thousand dollars have been raised by the prohibition party in this State, "as a campaign fund," and that "Sam Small has promised to donate fifteen lectures during some fine days of the campaign."—Charlotte *Chronicle*.

Southern Competition in Iron.

We copy the following very significant article from the Baltimore Sun of May 25th:

The iron-masters of Pennsylvania are beginning to feel the effect of the introduction of Southern iron in the Eastern markets. The Thomas Iron Company of Pennsylvania has reduced the price of its No. 1 pig iron two dollars per ton, the lowest point to which it has been brought down. It is claimed that this reduction has been forced upon the company by the fact of the competition of Southern iron, which is beginning to make inroads where the Pennsylvania iron-masters at one time had a monopoly of the market. This reduction in price, it is said, will cause other Pennsylvania companies to follow suit. But it is contended, and justly, that while the cheaper iron of the South is one of the factors in lowering Eastern prices for iron of the same quality, the large stocks on hand in consequence of over-production have also something to do with it. There was an expectation that the activity in railroad building, which called for such large supplies of rails last year and the year before, would continue; but there has been a material falling off in railroad construction, and in consequence of this decline in contracts the supply of rails is now in excess of the demand. This is evident from the fact that steel rails, which find as yet no serious competition at the South, are so weak that sales have been reported at less than thirty dollars per ton. In 1884, when trade was greatly depressed, steel rails declined to twenty-seven dollars a ton, the lowest point they have yet reached. Even at thirty dollars there is little, if any, profit to the makers. But the price indicates that whatever may be the effect of Southern competition on the ordinary products of iron, it can have little or none upon steel rails, and their decline must be looked for in the comparative cessation of railroad building. The proof of this lies in the diminished demand for coal, which is governed largely by the activity or non-activity in the production of iron or steel. The April statement of the anthracite trade shows that while the output for that month was some 70,000 tons greater than in the same month last year, the stock of coal at tidewater had increased "from 465,709 tons at the beginning of the month, to 733,314 tons at the end of it." Making every allowance for the usual increase of the stocks on hand at this season, the difference between the customary and the actual increase shows that the output has been very largely in excess of the demand. In other words, the orders of the manufacturers have been fewer. But the point that is of importance in the iron trade of Pennsylvania is the confession that Southern iron is underselling Eastern iron in its own market. If it can do it now when only at the beginning of its development, what may not be expected of it in a few years hence when additional furnaces and mills are put up? If Alabama, as it has been confidently stated, can sell pig iron "on the bank" at $9 per ton, and the thing is possible with the ore and the coal fields and the flux all about her, how can Pennsylvania, which has to draw her ores from long distances and is otherwise at a great disadvantage, long withstand so prospectively formidable a competitor?

A Tarheel Yarn of Ye Lang Syne.

Raleigh Cor. Wilmington Messenger

Apropos of the late Maj. W. A. Smith, of Johnston county, who lived in Richmond years ago, a gentleman of this city tells quite a good story. Years ago, "befo' de wah," Sion H. Rogers was the idol of the Wake county people. Smith was his opponent in a Congressional race. At a speaking in a locality with a bad reputation for "rows," they were to speak. On the appointed day Mr. Rogers was not able to be there. Smith was, and as he looked at the threatening faces of the crowd he saw that he was regularly in for it and would do well to get out with a whole skin and a good set of bones. Looking about, he saw a barrel of whiskey, and at once bought it. Mounting a box, he called out, 'Gentlemen, I am very sorry that my good friend, Sion H. Rogers, is not here to-day. He is one of the purest and best men in the State. I know you all love him. I respect you for it. If Sion H. Rogers were here you would want for nothing. Here is a barrel of whiskey, with the head open, and plenty of tin dippers. It is not my treat. It is Sion H. Rogers treat. Please remember that it is Mr. Rogers who gives it." There was a big cheer for Rogers and a rush for the barrel. Presently there were cheers for Smith. They grew loud and long. Smith was solid. His "treat," had made him solid with those people, and ever after he had the freedom of that township.

BALSLEY FOR SHERIFF.

ED. PATRIOT—

We Democrats in east Guilford wish to place in nomination through the columns of your valuable paper a man for high Sheriff of our county, who can, if nominated, bring the entire strength of the glorious old party to his support, and if elected, and there is no kind of doubt but that he would be, fill the high office in every particular. When we have such timber why not nominate and elect him, and William G. Balsley is his name. Who can say he is not the right man to fill the high office, with honor and credit to the party? Hurrah for Balsley for high Sheriff.

A. C, EAST GUILFORD.

J. W. McNAIRY FOR SHERIFF.

MR. EDITOR:—

As nominations are in order, I wish through your valuable columns to present the name of a man for high Sheriff of Guilford county, whose nomination would rally to the Democratic standard every Democrat in the county and solidify the various elements. There can be no higher test of a man's character and true worth than the position he occupies in the estimation of his fellow-men. That man is a christian gentleman, eminently qualified for the position and is withal a simon-pure Democrat.

CENTRE GROVE DEMOCRAT.

A SLATE.

MR. EDITOR—

Here is a ticket that will carry if the Democrats will put it out: Martin Holt for the Senate, Dr. Will Bradshaw and J. Van Lindley for the House. These men will reconcile all factions. VOTER.

LLEWXAM'S LETTER.

What is Going on in Winston.

[Special Correspondence DAILY PATRIOT.]

WINSTON, May 28.—As was published at the time, the Forsyth delegation to the State Democratic Convention, which assembles at Raleigh on Wednesday, will be composed of all the Democrats in good standing in the county, who choose to go to Raleigh and represent it. There is no unit rule to govern them, and the 14 votes to which the county is entitled will be divided between the different candidates for the various offices. I believe we have no county man aspiring for any place on the State ticket. We have enough brains here, however, (mind you) to make up the whole ticket, without going outside the corporate limits of the twin-cities.

I am informed to day that a large number of our country friends, the farmers, will go as delegates, and that they will be for Alexander for Governor as long as there remains the shadow of a hope for his nomination. Fowle and Stedman will also have adherents in the delegation.

If I should be called on to publicly express a private opinion, I should say that in my judgment the chances for the nomination of a "dark horse" (who would probably be Judge Clark or Judge Gilmer) are rather encouraging to the friends of the two last named gentlemen.

The majority of the delegates will leave here on Tuesday morning and night trains.

The Chamber of Commerce of this city are contemplating the adoption of the Writing Telegraph here, in lieu of a telephone exchange. An operator will be here, with two machines, on June 1st, for the purpose of exhibiting practically its merits.

Judge Clark has not yet sentenced the negro murderer, Houston, convicted last Thursday for killing Kate Cosby, negress. There is a strong sentiment here demanding the speedy execution of this criminal, whose record for many years has been notoriously bad.—But, in the face of this, it is understood that a petition will be gotten up and sent to Gov. Scales, asking a commutation of sentence. About the only grounds upon which such a petition could rest, is the fact that his victim was a bad and dissolute woman. But then ———.

Our citizens are not taking as much interest in the proposed tobacco fair as they should, but the scheme will not fall through.

Winston Salem will have a big blow out on the fourth of July—hooray—sah. LLEWXAM.

The Latest News from Reidsville.

[Reported for the Daily Patriot.]

I have just put aside Bailey's Digest to manufacture another letter for the PATRIOT, which I am gratified to know has such an enviable circulation in this section. I am not surprised that it has so warm a place in the heart of Rockingham democracy; as its bold gallantry in the advocacy of revenue reform has long since made it one of the brightest stars in democratic journalism.

It was my pleasant privilege a few evenings since to hear a most persuasive and eloquent sermon by Rev. J. L. White, who is now aiding in a revival meeting at the Baptist church here. I left the sanctuary deeply impressed by the earnest appeals of the splendid speaker. I felt then that I had moral courage enough to fight the devil anywhere and on all occasions.—But, alas! before reaching my sanctum, I fell a victim to a miserable night-air show, which, despite my religious emotions, I most heartily relished. Gifted somewhat in the art of clog dancing myself, it was not unnatural that my attention should be centered upon the little African, in striped pants, who was cutting off the pigeon wing as I approached the stage.

The Congressional boom of Col. Morehead receives strong approval in this county. His intellectual and moral manhood peculiarly fits him for the honor of a seat in the next Congress.

I am gratified to learn that the Messrs. Hazell, from this place, who recently established an ice factory in Greensboro, are meeting with substantial success. They are clever and business like gentlemen.

The iron-bound bucket factory of this city is to be greatly enlarged on account of increased business. The product of this enterprise is the best bucket on the market.

This county loses about $5,000 by reason of the recent compromise of the Windsor bond.

The tobacco market here is brisk and prices are good.

The graded school of this city closed to day.

Senator J. S. Johnston, Hugh Scott, Tom Reed and others, will leave to day for Raleigh, to be in attendance at the State Convention.

The local option election takes place here on the 4th of June.

TIT FOR TAT.

[Communicated.]

At the late Republican convention for the Fifth Congressional District, Col. Thos. B. Keogh, through his man Friday (alias A. A. Hinton), succeeded in defeating Col. R. M. Douglas as delegate to the National Republican Convention at Chicago with a "red headed nigger."

At the late Republican convention for the State, Col Thos. B. Keogh was defeated as delegate from State at-Large by "two niggers," color of hair not known.

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THE DALTON HOTEL, DALTON, N. C., IS now open for the reception of guests. A 'Bus will meet the trains—a livery stable is kept in connection with the Hotel to carry drummers and others across the country. D. N. DALTON, Proprietor. sept9-1y

TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCHES.

Will Hang June 21st.

[Special to the Patriot.]

Winston, N. C., May 28.—Judge Walter Clark to day sentenced Will Houston to be hanged June 21st, for the murder of Kate Cosby.

Forty-two Gamblers before Judge Clark.

Winston, N C., May 28.—The grand jury in session here to day found a true bill against forty two citizens of this town for gambling. They were tried before Judge Clark and each fined $10 and costs.

Chandron, Neb., May 28.—A water-spout which broke in the northwestern part of Dawes County Saturday night submerged five miles of the track on the Fremont, Elk Horn & Missouri Valley Railroad and washed away numerous bridges. It has rained since 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon without stopping, and the country is flooded. Farmers all along the White and Lone Tree rivers have had to abandon their houses, a number of which have been washed away. The White River has risen 16 feet in forty minutes. The water came down almost in a solid wall. It is impossible to cross the White River as all the highway bridges are washed out, and it is feared that great damage has been done further northwest, as the water-spout came from that direction. Capt. J. A. Sweet, farmer, lost sixteen head of cattle and five head of horses, the water coming in such a wall that it took the live stock along with it. Mr. Sweet came across the river in a boat and reported that terrible damage had been done to other farmers both in loss of live stock and crops. The rivers are still rising and it is raining hard. No loss of life has yet been reported, but it is feared that after full reports can be obtained there will be many fatalities to record. The cloud was plainly visible from here, and it had the appearance of a rolling mass of black clouds like a cart wheel or log, entirely different from the cyclone cloud. A man of the name of Anderson was in the extreme southern limit of the spout. He reports the water coming in a solid wall ten feet deep and carrying everything possible before it. Anderson barely escaped with his life. This section is noted for water spouts. The last one occurred three years ago and carried away the entire railroad camp, which was then building the Fremont Elk Horn & Missouri Valley Railroad.

RICHMOND, May 27.—The fact that Mahone's own city of Petersburg went against him in the election for the first time since 1880 and one reason of this is that many negroes openly voted the Democratic ticket, has caused no little consternation in his ranks. He is very much troubled over this on account of the damaging effect it will have upon the chances of his delegation's admittance to the Chicago Convention. The anti Mahonite Republicans are chuckling over his defeat, and claim its proof of their assertion, heretofore made, that if Mahone is allowed to represent the Republican party in Virginia in the Presidential election it will insure defeat. In other words, that the anti-Mahone Republicans will remain at home on election day rather than vote for electors, if those electors represent a Mahone success at Chicago.

Danville, Va., May 28.—There are all sorts of rumors prevailing in this neighborhood just now in regard to the movements of the Richmond and Danville railroad in this section. The latest is that the Richmond and Danville has been offered the Atlantic and Danville line on terms that will be accepted, and that the former instead of paralelling the Seaboard and Roanoke with a new road will complete the Atlantic and Danville to a junction with their lines, probably at Clarksville, and in this endeavor to work over the territory of the Seaboard system.

The track on the Atlantic and Danville road will be completed to Jerusalem within ten days, and trains will run from west Norfolk to that point as shortly afterwards as possible, and a lot of new rolling stock will be added. The work of grading the road will be completed to Hicksford by the first of July, and it is thought the contractors will then be ordered to push right on into Brunswick as rapidly as possible.

Washington, May 28.—A bill was introduced in the house to-day by Mr. Plumb of Illinois, providing a new security for National banks. It authorizes the issue of 2½ per cent. interchangeable bonds to run fifty years, the principal and interest to be paid in coin. The bonds are to be given in exchange for the bonds held by National banks. The secretary of the treasury is authorized to issue treasury notes redeemable in coin or exchangeable only for these bonds in amounts of $100, or any multiple thereof. The bill further provides that the National debt shall not be reduced below one billion dollars and shall be funded in these 2½ per cent. bonds.

Second District—Delegates: A. C. Zollicoffer, of Vance; W. C. Bowen.

Third District—Delegates: S. B. Taylor, Onslow; H. E. Faison, Sampson Alternates: W. E. Murchison, Moore; Henry Weill, Wayne.

Eighth District—Delegates: J. W. F. Harper, Lenoir; R. W. Sandifer, Gastonia. Alternates: W. L. Hardin, Burke; J. S. Graves.

Toledo, O., May 26.—The Prohibition State convention yesterday, after a two hours' debate, adopted a platform, which included a plank favoring woman's suffrage.

Wilkes Barre, Pa., May 28.—A brutal prize fight took place here this morning. Thos. Hoar, of Nanticoke, and James Dillon, of Kingston, were the principals. The match had been the talk in sporting circles for the past two months. The two men were bitter against each other, and nothing would satisfy them but a fight to the finish. The ring was pitched in Lee park, a suburb of the city, at midnight, but a wrangle ensued over the selection of a referee, and the fight was not commenced until 8 o'clock this morning. Thirty rounds in all were fought, and both men were terribly punished, Hoar's face being unrecognizable. When time for the thirty-first round was called some one cried out, "the sheriff!" A general stampede ensued, and the fighters fled with the spectators; and in a few minutes the place was cleared. The sheriff did not appear, it being a false alarm; but the fight was not resumed.

The referee says the men will have to fight it out some other time. The fight was for $500 and gate receipts.

Warrants are out for the arrest of all those who took part in this brutal affair.

Raleigh, N. C., May 27.—Some of the Republicans are doing considerable talking about John Nichols, the Congressman from this district. He does not appear to have prospered greatly in the convention if what is said be true. It is stated that he has torn up his district by working for J. W. Hardin for delegate at large as a Knights of Labor candidate by combining for Harrison and Williamson in the district convention. Wake county beat J. B. Mason for Auditor of State, and Nichols, seeing that he made a sore spot, jumped in next morning and had Mason nominated Superintendent of Public Instruction over Alexander McIver. This only made matters worse. Then it is said Nichols procured the election of Stewart Ellison, (colored), of Wake, over James A. Check, fo Orange, as executive committeeman. Nichols has thus put himself quite in a hole.

Lynchburg, Va., May 28.—An Advance Abingdon special says the engineers of the Tennessee Steel and Iron company, while surveying in Wise county on the 25th, were attacked by a body of men in the bushes and two of the party killed. The company of guards, in command of Capt. Sam Notson, employed to protect the engineers, were driven off and routed. Great trouble is expected and the settlers of the neighborhood warn the engineers to leave. The immediate cause of the trouble is that the settlers claim land the title to which is contested by the iron company, who are trying to eject the tenants.

Lenoir, N. C., May 24.—The result of the Eighth Congressional District Convention yesterday, was as follows: J W Gidney, Chairman; W H H Cowles, for Congress—by acclamation; T M Vance Elector; G W F Harper and R W Sandifer were elected delegates to St. Louis, and J S Groves and W H Hardin, alternates.

Resolutions endorsing President Cleveland were unanimously adopted, and a resolution approving Col. Cowles' advocacy of the Mills' bill was also adopted.

Marion, N. C., May 27.—The trial of Benjamin Laughter and John L. Lyda for the murder of a man named King has been in progress a week at Marion. It results in the conviction of both—Laughter of murder, Lyda of being an accessory after the fact. Laughter has been sentenced to be hanged June 4th. Lyda gets ten years in the penitentiary. Laughter has appealed.

Berlin, May 28, noon.—The Emperor passed a good night. Dr. Mackenzie has inserted another cannula. The Emperor has gone to the park. He will drive out this afternoon. The bulletin issued this morning says he is without fever, and that his appetite and strength are satisfactory.

Paris, May 26.—Mr. Blaine, in an interview yesterday, said there was not the slightest truth in the story that he had written a letter to Roscoe Conkling during the campaign of 1884, and that it had been withheld by the Republican National Committee.

Bath N. C., May 27.—A cyclone passed over the old town of Bath yesterday. It did much damage. A colored Methodist church was partially wrecked. A large tree was blown 300 yards, and striking the residence of William McNeill, damaged the latter considerably.

Montreal, May 26.—The new gasometer at the gas works at Herchega exploded between 8 and 8.30 o'clock this morning. There were from twelve to twenty men in the building at the time. Five bodies have been taken out. The remainder are buried in the ruins.

Raleigh, N. C., May 27.—There were two disappointed men in the State Convention of the "grand old party"—William Pitt Canady and R. Z. Linney. The former was beaten all to pieces as a candidate for elector at large.

Philadelphia, May 26.—At the tenth annual meeting of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions held yesterday at Calvary Presbyterian church, Mrs. Grover Cleveland was elected a life member.

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