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A Call for the State Exécutive Committee.

ROOMS OF THE PRIMOCRATIC CON. Ex. COM. Rateigh, N. C. January 27, 1876. At a meeting of the Central Exceutive Committee of the Democratic party, this day held, it was resolved that a meeting of the State Executive Com mittee be called to assemble in the city of Raleigh on Wednesday the 15th day of March, 1876. The object of the meeting is to decide upon the time and place of holding the State Convention of the Democratic Conservative party, and to consider such other matters as may properly come before the Committee

Each member of the Committee is carnestly requested to be present. W. R. Cox, Chairman. J. J. LITCHFORD, Secretary.

Babcock's Retirement from the White House.

New York, February 26 .- A special to the Tribune from Washington says: Babcock will retire from the White House and probably be continued on duty in Washington as major of engineers and superintendent of public buildings and grounds, and also chief engineer of the government water works. Levi P. Luckey, who is in reality the President's private secretary, will also retire. Another ef fect of the Babcock trial will be the speedy displacement of District Attorney Dyer. It is understood that Babcock, in order to remove from his reputation, as an army officer, all stain incident to his accusation, indictment and trial, will demand an immediate investigation before a military court of inquiry.

THE COUNTY THIEVES ONCE AGAIN.

Although we have worked hard, and have been assisted and cheered on, by good and honest men, in trying to bring to justice (and striped clothes) the mean, sneaking corrupt county thieves, yet so far we have been unable to eatch them, they still go at large unwhipped .-That we have not had the sympathy and help from the judiciary, which the matter deserves, is patent to all. At the last term of our Court the Solicitor, J. C. L. Harris, reached here on the 2nd day of the Court, and remained only two days, and we never heard that he made a single move in the matter, his voluntary and positive decleration, that he would stay in Franklin two weeks, but what the whole matter should be sifted to the bottom, to the contrary notwithstanding. How well he kept his word-the people all know. But though the scoundrels are still at large, we have one consoling thought, like the man said who shot the turkey, breaking one leg, you may go old fellow, but I have one consoling thought, it is that you will roost on one leg hereafter; the rascals have not been caught, but they sing mighty low, and keep mighty quiet, bless their dear souls, wouldn't we like to see them breaking rocks in the Radical Hotel, at Raleigh

J. G. HESTER AGAIN.

HE WRITES A PIOUS LETTER TO THE NEW YORK SUN, WHOSE UNGODLY EDITOR CALLS HIM NAMES.

[From the New York Sun.]

FIRST CLASS.

The following letter addressed to the editor of The Sun is an extraordinary composition and comes from an extraordinary source: "ROOMS OF THE YOUNG MEN'S

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION," Washington, Feb. 14. "DEAR SIR: Although I have not had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you, I take the liberty of doing myself the honor of addressing you, and at the same time permit me to present to you through the mails a copy of God's Word. My object in sending you this book and this communication is

and to return good for evil. Your | ing by the cangregation. daily journal of the 3d and 5th inst. denominations. Many citizens accomcontained articles relative to me which are exaggerated, and in many respects untrue. The spirit of them was vindictive and slanderous. I have been praying for you ever since my attention was attracted to them. Please read the Word of God prayfully, and He will remove that malice and vindictiveness from your heart, which, if permitted to remain, will drag you down to eternal predition. I shall also send for your encouragement a postal card containing some passage of Scripture each day for 365 days, unless your heart is sooner changed. With the request that you do me the honor to acknowledge the receipt of this, I remain yours tru-

"J. G. HESTER."

This man Hester is probably the most impudent scoundrel in the country. All that we have done to provoke the above precious outgush from him is to narrate some of the incidents of his varied career. He is now about forty years old. After a discreditable youth, he served on board the Confederate privateer Sumter; and Capt. Raphael Semmes is our witness respecting his cenduct there. "I appointed him manager's mate,' says Capt Semmes, "and when I left the vessel, I left him assistant of the Lieutenant in charge. The lattersought active service, and was relieved by a man named Andrews. Hester killed Andrews. I have no personal knowledge of the homicide but the current report represented it to be a cold-blooded murder."

It seems that Hester shot Andrews while the latter was asleep, and in excuse alleged that Andrews was in collusion with certain United States officers, having agreed to deliver up the sumter to them, and that he killed Andrews to prevent the execution of this agreement. After this, Hester commanded a blockade runner, and soon after the war, pretending still to be a Confedate in feeling, he was noted in Rale'gh for his deuunciation of Yankees, carpet-baggers and niggers. Next he carried on a grand real estate gift enterprise, which he swindled the people out of considerable sums. Then he became a kuklux detective under Gov. Holden, and in that capacity sent many guiltless persons to prisons. "At Joe Hester's door," says a journal of Raleigh, 'lies the ruin of more than one innocent man. By means of corrupt United States Commissioners, suborned witnesses, and his own matchless villainy, he amassed a considerable fortune of blackmail money. He is a shrewd, plausible,

unblushing scoundrel." This man now pretends, he has joined the Young Men's Christian Association. He makes long prayers in the synagogue, gives away Bibles and writes letters greasy with humbug picty like the above, No confidence should be placed in his repentance or his professions. He is a wolf in sheep's clothing. It is a duty to denounce and expose him; and his pretence of religion and his cant about winning souls to Christ might render him more dangerous if they were less disgusting.

DEATH OF THE HON. ABRA-HAM WATKINS VENABLE.

Hon. A. W. Venable, died on the morning of the 19th, at the residence of his son Col, T B. Venable in Oxford. The Torch Light, in speaking of him, says:

"He had been in declining health for months, and died in peace and charity with all men, and with a firm hope of a life of joy and rest in heaven. He had been for a great many years an active elder at Shiloh Presbyterian Church, in this county, where he was

The funeral services were conducted at the Presbyterian Church in Oxford on yesterday moining, by Rev'ds Edward Hines, the old pastor of the deceased, Thos. U. Faucett and D. E. Jordan, the first mentioned preaching the sermon. Rev. W. S. Pettigrew, of the Episcopal Church, an old and intimate friend of Mr. Venable, made some remarks that were exceedingly appropriate and touching. A large concourse of people were present to tesuify their great respect for the memory of the honored and eminent dead.

panied the corpse through the town as it was borne towards its final resting place sixteen miles distant. The business houses were closed and the schools suspended for the time. As the matter for this number is al-

ten ministers present, representing four

ready in type our notice is necessarily hurried and brief. In our next issue a memorial sketch of Mr. Venable will sppear from the pen of Mr. T B. Kingsbury, between whom and the deceased there was a very cordial friendship. Only a few hours before bis death Mr. Venable requested his friend to write his obituary.

The Lecture on Monday Night,

MR. EDITOR.

DEAR SIR:-I attended the lecture in your place Monday-night on the Anti-Phrenology question. Now I am not one to be swayed by the prevailing current in whatsoever . hannel that may chance to run, but I am always open to conviction upon any subject if the points at issue have merit enough to command attention.

In the question of Phrenology it is gratifying to believe that the brain is not a mass of the same proportions and outlines in each individual, and that these little perceptible differences point out traits peculiar to ones own self .-Now if the brain is the great fountain from which springs every thought, the agency by which every acti n is directed; does it not seem probable that each characteristic may have its own department? The laws of nature are all systematic and beautifully minute in their functions. Why then should we believe that the brain, this unique work-sliop should have been left in a state of confusion.(It is evident such is some times the case,) but generally speaking there are segarate and distinct sentiments which are fixed, and if there were no especial departments for them in the brain, wou'd this be the case? Then if these sentiments are more frequently called into action, why is it not reasonable to suppose that they should be enlarged, as our muscles which are most frequently exereised increase in proportion?

If the head of a child can be shaped at will by external pressure, wy is it not possible that an internal agent can effect its shape also ?

I have never made Phrenology a study any more than I have Photography or Astrology. I know that by the action of light, perfect likenesses are produced. Now this is wonderful to me; not the manner in which it is done, but that it is done!

And the foretelling of future events by the position of stars or the signs of the weather, are far beyond my comprehension, and did I not have daily evidences of Daguerreotyping and an annual outline of moon changes, relipses and comet visitors, I should be much more incredulous to their truths than I am to the science of Phrenology .-I think Mr. Editor that it will take more than one Phrenological refutation to erase some enlargements in my

"FREE-KNOWLOGY." THE OWNER OF THE "LITTLE HATCHET."

Almost everybody knows our oldest inhabitant, "Old Uncle Isaac," but how old he is nobody knows. We called upon him the other day, and are now willing to swear on our faith in his word that two hunded years of "sarvin de Lo'd" will not more than fill the bill. Of course, Uncle Isaac is pious; all darkies who live to the age of a hundred and fifty are pious. One of the first things which enlisted our attention after entering Isaac's house was a small hatchet, hung above the ample fire-place on two or three rusty nails; and it, of course, became the subject of inquiry. We were astounded at learning that it was the identical hatchet with which the mischievous little George Washington had backed the favorite cherry tree in his "uncle's" garden. We endeavored to make Isaac understand that the garden was not the uncle's but the father's. Isaac memory was good, and our history at fault. He knew, because he was "thar." He had gone "wid Mas" Jawge for to see his uncle, and his unele took him into the garden and showed him de cherry tree, and tole bir dut was de fust cherry tree that ever come over to dis country, and dat in about so many years de tree would The closing hymn was comp s d by b'ar fruit, and dat be would send Mas to try and win your soul to Christ, the deceased and sung with much feel- Jawge some she."

"Mas' Jawge was a mighty independen' little cuss' and says to me, arter his uncle had gwine in de bouse, says he, 'Ike' -for I was a youngs er den -Ike, I isn't gwine to wait on uncle for dem cherries; Ise gwine to cut dat tree right down, and will take it 'long home wid us " Says I, 'don't you do it, honey; for if you does your uncle he'll skin you 'live!' 'Jist as soon be skinned as not,' says Mass' Jawge, 'Ise gwine to hab dat 'ar tre.' So he goes on and gits dat 'ar same identical tool, an' purty soon he was whackin' away at dat tree. And I don't think de child had chopped more'n several licks before de ole gentleman, dat's his uncle, he comes a slippin' out'n de gooseberry bushes wid a wattle, and de way he fixed dat chile was absolom sin, De chile flung dat same little hatchet at his poor uncle, just more'u got out'n garding; and when I cotched up wid him, be was a-wearing' like a mate on a steamboat.

"Now, sar, dat's de true story, sar, Desc little one-hoss school books, dev don't know nuffin 'bout it. W'y bless your soul, honey, I went home wid him Mars' Jawge, and I staid right wid him, and I followed him to Braddock's feat, and I got lost dar, and I ken a comin' out West, cordin' to de device of Mr Hoss Greeley dat killed Mr. Burr, and I was 'mong de injuns for bout seventy-five years fore dis country was settled by de fust white woman ."

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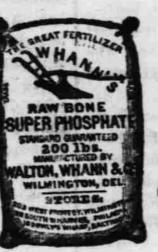
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