

Carolina Watchman.

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1884.

Dr. Grissom positively declines to be a candidate for any political office.

Mr. Eli Patton, of Transylvania county, was killed a few days ago by a Jersey bull. He went into the stable when the bull attacked him.

There have been two John Smiths proposed for Governor. Surprising it is, that no Jim or Jake Brown has been thought of, for they are just as good as the Smiths any day you may name.

The N. C. Press Association has been invited to join the South Carolina Press Association at its annual meeting in Charleston on the 15th day of May. It will be a pleasant trip for the fraternity.

A new city has been laid out in Alabama to be called Sheffield. Its prospects are spoken of as only equal to Birmingham. There to be a public sale of lots on the ground May the 8th.

Overproduction is likely to close for a time some of the Steel Works of Prussia. Over production, it will be seen in another part of this paper is the trouble in various industrial departments of this country.

King Alfonso, of Spain, has intermittent fever. Give him quinine in four grain doses every 4 hours, or one clove of garlic on an empty stomach every morning for a week.

Recent heavy and long continued rains have caused some delay to travel on the Waynesville branch of the W. N. C. R. R. but as the track shall dry off the necessary repairs will be speedily made.

The Hotels in Charlotte have refused to engage rooms to visitors in advance for the 20th of May. "First come first served," is to be the rule, and that is exactly right, unless they would give notice in advance of "Rooms all taken."

Dr. Wm. Murdoch, formerly of this town was called on at Waynesville, N. C. a few days ago to relieve poor fellow who had got his leg badly smashed just below the knee. The leg was amputated and the patient is doing well.

The Newton Enterprise publishes a carefully prepared list of the sufferers by the late cyclone in Catawba county, with an estimate of the loss sustained by each which foots up \$19,225. There were 118 sufferers in all, including those in town and county.

The out-look at present as to who shall be the Democratic candidate for President points to S. J. Tilden, of New York. Geo. G. Yeat, of Missouri, says his State is for uncle Sam. Tilden first and last dead or alive; and the Democrats generally lean that way—Tilden and Hendricks.

The negro vote of the South determines who is to be the republican candidate for President. It comes to pass that the emancipation of slaves did more than make them the equal of the white people of the north in that it dictates to them who shall be President.

The Commencement exercises at Chapel Hill this year, will take place on the 4th and 5th of June, Hon. Henry Waterson, of Kentucky, will deliver the annual address before the Literary Societies. Rev. J. B. Hawthorn, D. D., of Virginia, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon.

FASTER.—A recent trip over the road from here to Charlotte surprised us by the increased comfort and speed as compared with a year or two back. But we see it announced that the time between New York and Atlanta is to be further reduced five hours. The rate of speed after 11th May, will be about an average of 35 miles an hour—or one hour and 15 minutes to Charlotte.

The Republican convention at Charlotte, Salisbury and Laurinburg, have developed a very decided split in the party. Two sets of delegates to Chicago were appointed from Laurinburg and Salisbury. The troublesome point is, which shall rule, straight republicans or liberals.

A ridiculous story is going the rounds of the papers about Arthur's pride in respect to his fine clothes. He is said to have enough to stock a Bowery store, and that he is actually fond of showing them to visitors! It is real pleasant to fall in with a man who is proud of his wife and children, his farm, his horses, cows, pigs and sheep; but when it comes to pride of personal dress, people get sick at the stomach and want to spit and call ugly names. Surely President Arthur is not in this case.

Twenty-one men have been killed in Yancey county, and seventeen in Mitchell since the war, and no man punished! To a large extent the same state of affairs exists all over the country north and south.—Bakersville Voice.

There is no law of life to punish murderers, though greatly encumbered by decisions which complicate almost every case. Through the perversions of law and the unfaithfulness of juries and judges and the recklessness of lawyers, the guilty escape. It would be better to go back to the Mosaic system, in respect to murder, in which there were few laws and simple, easily understood by all. Better justice is administered by savages—by the Indians and Africans.

The Warrenton Gazette speaks of a farm in the vicinity who has had to pay \$10 on time for a barrel of flour that others could get for \$6 cash. He is doing business on the mortgage plan, we suppose. If farmers who are obliged to make mortgages to carry on business would give them to raise money and then pay the cash for supplies they would certainly save money by it.

The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina will meet in Raleigh, N. C., on Monday, May 16th, 1884, and from day to day thereafter until all applicants for license are examined.

A license from this Board is necessary to enable a physician practicing in this State to collect fees by law.

Applicants for examination must bring satisfactory evidence of good moral character, and of their having attained the age of twenty-one years.

Bangor Main Herald, of April 25th, has the following notice of small industries carried on in that State. We copy them to show our readers how the "cute Yankees" can make money out of things hardly thought of by the people of the South. A. Hobbs & Son, West Gadsboro, are manufacturing 2500 dozen hay rakes this season.

J. W. Porter & Son, Strong, recently made a shipment of twelve thousand croquet sets to Boston.

J. J. Hopkins, lumber manufacturer at Otis, has put in machinery for making ladders and is doing a good business.

Smith & Petter, West Gadsboro, are running their stave mill night and day, saving 12,000 staves every twenty-four hours.

Silas McLoon, Rockland, is opening a new limestone quarry near his old home. It is favorably located and can be easily and cheaply worked.

Hiram Hanson, Biddeford, has purchased the cigar box manufacture of T. B. Davis & Co., and will continue the business at his rooms over the Biddeford Machine Works.

A car containing 106,250,000 wooden toothpicks was sent from Dixfield, Maine to Ohio the other day. And yet the average Buckeye will continue to pick his teeth with a jack-knife.

CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

This body met at Centre church, Iredell county last Wednesday, and organized by the election of Dr. J. Rumble, Moderator. Rev. J. A. Ramsey and J. G. Hall were chosen to act as temporary secretaries. There were only nine ministers and eighteen elders present at the opening, but others came in afterwards, swelling the number to 11 ministers and 22 or 23 elders.

Not to mention the ordinary routine of business, there was one question came up as an Overture from the General Assembly which was of interest, to wit: whether or not an Evangelist in a foreign field, should have the right to ordain ministers without the concurrence of Presbytery. The members of the Presbytery seemed to have had the subject under consideration and almost unanimously reached the same conclusion, so that there was no room for discussion. They decided that the foreign Evangelist must first satisfy Presbytery of the fitness of the candidate, and may then receive authority to ordain him.

There was a call presented for the pastoral services of the Rev. Mr. Williamson from Poplar Tent and Bethpage, which was placed in his hands.

The meeting was a harmonious and pleasant one, and Presbytery adjourned Friday evening to meet in the Fall at Thirteenth church, in this county. The hospitality of the good people of Centre was of the handsomest kind, and eminently befitting one of the oldest and most respectable churches in Western North Carolina.

THE W. N. C. R.R.—THE EAMES BRAKE.

It is always a pleasure to us to chronicle the introduction of improvements on our (the W. N. C.) Road, which adds to the efficiency of its equipment and the safety of its trains.

This Company because of its steep mountain grades and the difficulty in handling its trains on descending them, have found it desirable to put on their

Locomotives the Eames Vacuum Driving Brake, and of all the improvements ever put into their service, none appears to have been so effective for the purpose designed in applying it. This Brake, as a means of security in the handling of trains, is said to be immense, and in the quick application and ready release is a "Daisy" indeed. It is wonderful to say so, and yet, it is said to be true, that this Brake can be applied, and released every (24) two and a half seconds, (20) twenty times per minute, during the entire run of the Locomotive.

Equipped with their Driving Brake, the Engineer controls easily, any train descending the mountain which it can pull up.

As yet only one of these Brakes has been put on, under the handling of that experienced and efficient Engineer, Mr. Bart Boyd, and so satisfactory has been its behavior as to induce the Company to make additional orders for them; and from what we hear we have no doubt the entire Road will be equipped with them at an early day.

Profusion and its Results.

One cause, and perhaps the main one, of the general depression of business of all kinds which now prevails is the fact that we have been guilty of what is called over production, and just now the supply far exceeds the demand. We are suffering from profusion which accounts for the low prices which have now prevailed for so long a time. Says a writer in a contemporary: "Wheat is low because high prices for a number of years have stimulated production in every land that can produce it. Two generally abundant harvests throughout the world, in India as well as America, have rather overstocked the market with bread. Hence the decline in price. Potatoes have been a cash article at a high price the past six or eight years. Last season there was an abundant harvest everywhere. The result is a glutted market at unsatisfactory prices. Beginning in 1879, there was a general increase of activity in all manufacturing enterprises, following years of depression. There was a scarcity, and a natural consequence was high prices. High prices and large profits stimulated production, and the consequence at the end of five years is abundance and something more. Fortunately this general decline in prices has not been attended, as is often the case, by a financial panic. Early in 1880 wheat cost \$1.50 a bushel; in 1882 it was worth \$1.45; now it is selling for about \$1. The same is true of other cereals. Two years ago potatoes were a bonanza to the New Eng-

Republican Convention, 7th District.

A Convention of the Local to Select Delegates, which was a Day in Miniature.

Cor. of the Observer.

SALISBURY, April 28.—The Republican convention for the 7th District, called to meet at Salisbury on Saturday last, was on time and was a day in miniature. The number present was insufficient to organize a life-sized pandemonium, but a commendable effort to that end was made by those who were present. The convention was a select few, numbering slightly over twenty, with all the counties represented. Col. Cooper was elected temporary chairman and Mr. Waltzer secretary. The chair appointed A. B. Gillespie, W. F. Henderson and A. S. Richardson, colored, committee on credentials. When the committee reported the double open, which always portends a hot trial and a fast race, was heard, in fact it became evident that a "monkey and a parrot time" was imminent and could be precipitated with the utmost facility. The propriety of seating the Randolph delegates, who had been appointed by the chair instead of elected by the county convention, came under a hot fire of mutilated King's English. Col. Henderson was sandwiched between two members and the debate was of the character to suggest a hot box, unless the participants became a little less censorious. In his excitement Col. Henderson addressed the chair as "Mr. Secretary I want the record so reformed as to speak the truth *pro te*." The debate resulted adversely for the Colonel, and he subsided with a few lingering growls about the rights of freemen, which conveyed the idea that he was despicably gripping the small end of a semi-defect, fast vanishing congressional aspiration.

Randolph was seated and Henderson, colored, of Rowan, got the floor with a motion that each county vote double her representation in the lower House for the delegates to Congress. The motion was put and carried, only two voting Nay. Here, Richardson, colored, of Rowan, instantly sprang to his feet and began excitedly to protest that he had not understood the import of the motion, and vociferously demanded, contrary to everything ethical in parliamentary usage, that the chair ride over the expressed will of the convention. It now became patent that the skimpishness had been driven in and that the battle proper, between the Boss Mott machine and the anti-Boss Mott machine, had furiously opened. A period of chaotic clamor ensued, in which the turbulent champions of either side mutually rasped each other in chorus, Col. Henderson, Knuckles Gillespie, Richardson and Henderson, the two last colored, performing the most difficult feats of oratorical gymnastics. After wildly vociferating and caving for some time they began suddenly to sit down, until Henderson, colored, and Gillespie alone were left on their feet. The latter instantly thundered in stentorian tones and with vindictive manner, "Sit down, sir; I have the chair." Henderson, probably not knowing what Gillespie had in his clothes, to hit him with, obeyed with alacrity. The chair then overruled the motion and with it the vote of the convention, in spite of pitiful appeals for justice and right, and commands such as "iron hand of tyranny," "rights of freemen," and "unfair ruling."

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This Anti-Mott faction immediately collected their forces, and ignoring the action and session of the minority, held a convention in which they polled thirteen votes instead of eleven. A. L. Spoons was elected chairman and Mr. Waltzer secretary. H. C. Cowles, of Fredell, and W. E. Henderson, of Rowan, were elected to Chicago, Arthur was endorsed and they adjourned. It is understood that Blaine, and not Arthur, is favored by the latter and that this endorsement is a mere blind, as it were, all to your eye.

THIS COMPANY BECAUSE OF ITS STEEP MOUNTAIN GRADES AND THE DIFFICULTY IN HANDLING ITS TRAINS ON DESCENDING THEM, HAVE FOUND IT DESIRABLE TO PUT ON THEIR LOCOMOTIVES THE EAMES VACUUM DRIVING BRAKE, AND OF ALL THE IMPROVEMENTS EVER PUT INTO THEIR SERVICE, NONE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SO EFFECTIVE FOR THE PURPOSE DESIGNED IN APPLYING IT. THIS BRAKE, AS A MEANS OF SECURITY IN THE HANDLING OF TRAINS, IS SAID TO BE IMENSE, AND IN THE QUICK APPLICATION AND READY RELEASE IS A "DAISY" INDEED. IT IS WONDERFUL TO SAY SO, AND YET, IT IS SAID TO BE TRUE, THAT THIS BRAKE CAN BE APPLIED, AND RELEASED EVERY (24) TWO AND A HALF SECONDS, (20) TWENTY TIMES PER MINUTE, DURING THE ENTIRE RUN OF THE LOCOMOTIVE.

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