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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Notice is hereby given that a Mass Meeting will be held in the Court House in Winston, N. C., on the 22nd day of May, 1888, at 1 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Democratic Convention to be held in Raleigh, N. C., on the 30th day of May, 1888; to the Congressional Convention of this District to be held at a time and place hereafter to be named by the Congressional Executive Committee, and for such other business as may be properly brought before the Convention.

R. B. KERNER, Forsyth Co. Dem. Ex. Com. April 4th, 1888.

Prices of wheat in New York, 90 and 90 1/2; corn, 61 and 61 1/2.

The Post Office appropriation bill has been completed; it appropriates \$60,133,340.

In Congress, Tuesday, the 10th, nothing of interest. The tax bill still before the House.

Ezekiel E. Smith, (col.) of Fayetteville, N. C., has been nominated as Minister to Liberia.

Rhode Island has returned to its first love, and elected Taft, republican, governor by a majority of 1,984.

A British steamer has been wrecked on the coast of China, and thirty-one persons are supposed to be lost.

It is believed that the Tariff discussion in the House of Representatives will not commence before the 16th inst.

Gen. Boulanger has been nominated for the French Chamber of Deputies from the Department of the North.

Over eleven million five hundred thousand dollars have been added to the already large surplus during the month of March.

The wind and hailstorm on Wednesday afternoon of last week, at Fairbairn, Minn., destroyed over \$160,000 worth of property.

There is to be a great gathering of Baptists in Washington next May. Some 2,000 delegates, representing about 30,000 churches, have been enrolled.

According to the Baltimore Manufacturers Record North Carolina invested \$3,000,000 in new enterprises from the 1st of January to April 1st.

Serious conflicts have occurred between the police and the people of Ireland at various points while attempting to hold National League meetings.

The railroad troubles in the West are practically settled. There may be a hitch here and there, but to all intents and purposes the strike is at an end.

Two large oil warehouses at Hopkins' wharf, Baltimore, were burned, and the burning oil ran out into the harbor, injuring a number of sailing vessels.

The President has nominated Brigadier General George Crook to be Major General, and Col. John R. Brooks, of the Third Infantry, to be Brigadier General.

Jacob Sharp, the noted Broadway Street Railway contractor, and recently convicted of bribing Aldermen to favor his franchise, died last week of heart trouble.

The State Superintendents of Public Instruction of the Southern States will meet at Morehead City on June 20th and 21st, during the session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly.

The Wilmington Star has recently entered a new volume. It is twenty years and six months old, and is among our most valued exchanges. It is an honest, fearless and able journal, and we wish it many years of life and prosperity.

At a bull fight in a Mexican town on Sunday, the wooden enclosure was set on fire by a convict under guard, who threw a burning match into a pile of combustible material. The whole pile was soon in a blaze, resulting in a panic among the spectators. Eighteen were killed and many injured.

A terrible cyclone passed over Sioux City, Iowa, and the neighboring country on Thursday; a number of buildings were wrecked, and chimneys, fences and other property were torn from their resting places through the air; a number of persons were injured, but no loss of life is reported.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for the current month opens with a finely engraved frontispiece, illustrating Wordsworth's sonnet, "The shepherd, looking eastward, softly said: A Winter in Algeria has a true oriental flavor and is well illustrated. "Ananias" is a characteristic Southern story by Joel Chandler Harris, as is "Chita," the last a thrilling experience off the coast of Louisiana. The poems are above the average, and are certainly seasonable. Columbus, Ohio, comes in for a notice, and it makes quite interesting reading. The whole number is replete with fresh literature, suited to the variable month. Call and learn club rates with the Press.

The Democratic executive committee of the Seventh Congressional District met in Lexington last Thursday. All except three counties were represented in the meeting. It was decided to hold the nominating convention in Salisbury on the 20th of June, and the convention for electing delegates to the national convention at Raleigh on the day appointed for the assembling of the state convention. R. C. Puryear was appointed for the County of Yadkin to fill a vacancy in the committee and C. C. Wade was appointed for Montgomery County.

Rhode Island is the smallest State in the Union, its extreme length being only 47 miles, and its extreme width 40. Nevertheless it has, according to the State census of 1885, just published, no fewer than 2,393 manufacturing establishments, with a total capital of nearly \$60,000,000, and employing 37,481 men, 21,416 women and 4,400 children under 15 years.

The spring immigration from Europe has opened up a scale that leads to the opinion that the rush to our shores this year will be unparalleled. Every ship that reaches our port is crowded from stem to stern, and Castle Garden is constantly swarming with the hopeful myriads who have come here to improve their condition in life. Last year the arrivals there reached the enormous aggregate of 450,845 or 83,851 more than in the preceding year, and the officials have computed that immigration will be over half a million this year.

St. Nicholas for April is a Spring number in every respect opening with a fine engraving of a day of showers, and it gives the cause of rain in "What makes it Rain." "A Rhyme for a Rainy Day" is seasonal. "The Story of the Red Partridge" is good for young folks; "Blot," "Sketches from George Eliot," a pretty group of children, entitled "Easter Morning; Tables Turned," and a host of readable matter found nowhere else. Subscribe for it one year.

CONGRESS.

The Senate in secret session considered Mr. Riddleberger's resolution for open sessions during consideration of the Fabrice treaty; and by a large majority it was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; in open session the bond purchase bill was discussed, and a substitute for the whole bill, offered by Mr. Spooner, was adopted; Mr. Beck then offered an amendment as an additional section, which was debated until adjournment; in the House the Senate direct tax bill was taken up as the special order and debated until adjournment.

The Senate on the 4th considered the Freedman's Bank bill and the House bill for the purchase of United States bonds, but no definite action was reached; the entire session of the House, running into a late hour at night, was occupied in filibustering tactics to prevent a veto on the direct tax bill.

In the Senate on the 5th, Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, made a speech on the subject of the President's annual message; the House bill for the purchase of U. S. bonds, with the Beck amendment, was then passed, and a committee of conference ordered; the entire day in the House was spent in a continuation of Wednesday's wrangle over the motion to adjourn until Saturday, not an incident of interest occurring, and finally a recess until this morning was unanimously agreed to.

The Senate on the 6th, passed a large number of pension bills, and also the bill for the construction of bridges across the Cape Fear, Black and Northeast rivers, in North Carolina; the situation in the House remains unchanged, and there is no present prospect of breaking the deadlock.

Nothing in the Senate on the 7th. House continues on a dead lock on the direct tax bill.

WILMINGTON STAR OUTLINES.

It is needless to repeat facts of so recent occurrence, for it is indisputable that the panic of 1873, under the highest tariff known, was the most disastrous in the industrial or business history of the country. To it we owe the development of the worthless tramp, who is probably a fixture.—Pittsburg Post.

An unanswered question—If it be true, as advocates of the high tariff allege, that enormous duties on foreign goods enable American manufacturers to produce goods, clothing for example, more cheaply than similar articles can be produced elsewhere, why is it that Americans are not in possession of the markets of the world?—Kingston Leader.

The cunning Republicans are trying to work in a campaign thunder against the President for his Civil Service record. Well, the Star is a friend to the humbug, but it believes that it is very cheeky in the Republics to say a word about it when for a quarter of a century they held all the offices and would turn out the last Democrat now in the office if they had the power.—Wilmington Star.

The formation of a company of gentlemen of the highest business standing and with ample means to work the coal fields of Chatham is an event of great and far-reaching importance to the State. It means a full development of the near future of the valuable deposits of coal, with development of like character in other and adjacent fields. It means very much cheaper coal for many of the towns of the State in which coal is rapidly becoming the only possible fuel.—News-Observer.

Mt. Airy News: Major R. P. Atkinson was in town last week and stated that the construction train would reach the Mt. Airy depot the 1st of May.—The carpenters are now at work on the last railroad bridge on the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad. We learn that the lumber has nearly all been delivered.

THE DIRECT TAX BILL.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The dead lock in the House continues. It is all over the passage of the direct tax bill which passed January 19 by a vote of 48 to 10.

Table with columns: State or Territory, Amount Collected, Balance due U. S. Includes Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Dakota, Delaware, Dist. Col., Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Mass., Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, N. H., N. Jersey, N. Mexico, N. York, N. Car., Ohio, Oregon, Pa., Rhode Is., S. Car., Tenn., Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wash. Ter., W. Va., Wisconsin.

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STATE NEWS.

There were no less than seven colored corpses in Durham, on one day last week, the mortality seems to be caused from pneumonia.

New Bern Journal: There is complete serious loss to our truck farmers on account of the Irish potato rot rotting in the ground.

Reidsville Times: Eleven persons joined the Methodist church Sunday, as a result of the present meeting. The services are expected to continue throughout the next week.

Gov. Scales has refused to pardon Solomon Johnson out of the penitentiary. Johnson was convicted at the fall term 1886 of Gaston Superior Court for larceny and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.—Visitor.

Dr. Kemp P. Battle, President of the University of North Carolina, has accepted the invitation to deliver the annual address before the Literary Society of Davidson College at the Commencement on the 21st day of June.

Fayetteville Journal: We learn that there are fifty cases of measles in the little village of Manchester, 12 miles north of Fayetteville. Most of the operatives in the cotton factory there are down with them, necessitating the shutting down of the mills.

New Bern Journal: Since the first of December, Morehead City and Beaufort have exported nearly 5,000 barrels of clams, oysters and scallops, principally the former. These articles are all forwarded by the E. C. D. line from New Bern, the Annie taking out one day last week as part of her cargo about 300 barrels of clams.

Raleigh News-Observer: We find in the Charlotte Chronicle an admirable account of the history of the State in an article from the pen of Col. Wm. Johnson on the various marches and counter-marches of Lord Cornwallis with his army through North and South Carolina in the campaigns of 1780-81.

Rev. G. E. Hunt writes to the Raleigh News-Observer as follows: I have recently found a paint mine on my land. The paint is a beautiful red and has oil in it. Joseph Perry, a cabinet maker, has tried it, and pronounces it fine; even superior to the paints in the market. We judge from present indications that thousands of tons can be obtained. We have some veins of yellow paint also, but that is not so abundant as the red.

Troy Vidette: Montgomery county contains the oldest and most famous placer deposits of gold to be found in the State of North Carolina. From time to time for nearly a century some of these deposits have been worked. There are thirty partially developed mines of gold and other valuable minerals in the county. At this time there are four in active operation. Not less than \$200,000 worth of gold was taken from these mines during the past year.

Now, then, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Robinson, we are going to give you a little piece of advice. We hear you asking every little while some of the following questions: "Where can I get the latest ideas about furnishing?" "Have you seen anything new in decoration?" "Where can I get studies and information for decorative painting?" "Where can I get the latest prints about house-keeping, such as its economies, its etiquette, cooking, etc.?" "Where can I find out what women are doing?" "Where find the best advice on all subjects interesting in the family, such as health, amusement, instruction, etc.?"

Perhaps you do not know that these and every subject of interest in the family circle are all contained in one publication, furnishing a Magazine never many times its subscription price. The April number of this wonderful Magazine (Demosora's Monthly) is just at hand. Be sure and see it. Published by W. Jennings Demorest, 15 East-14th Street, New York. Yearly, \$2. Single copies, 20 cents.

An indictment for forging a promissory note for \$6,250, purporting to be signed by D. H. Graves and W. H. Sanders, and a count or indictment for uttering the same.

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An indictment for forging a promissory note for \$5,800 (exact amount not certain) purporting to be signed by H. A. Morgan, James Parker and C. O. Riddick, and a count for uttering the same.

That said Cross and White shall be received under like condition as if they had been extradited upon this prosecution and none other.

Col. Tate, the bank examiner, furnishes the News and Observer with a result of his examination of the affairs of the State National Bank of Raleigh as follows:

Col. Tate estimates the total shortage at \$143,560.61. The amount due to other banks and to depositors, all told, is \$401,783.41. The assets are nominally \$456,703.91, but consisting of notes, overdrafts and real estate in the main, will not produce exceeding \$284,000 in cash. The Park Bank of New York has a debt of \$54,000 which is secured by some of these notes as collateral, and hence are to be paid in full. This will leave the debt \$347,783, and a balance of assets of \$239,000 with which to pay it, or about 66 cents on the dollar, less the expenses of collecting and winding up. Nothing is counted in this for the recovery of stolen money nor assessment of stockholders. Col. Tate says that the aggregate amount of forgeries is \$57,700. He is sure that all the forgeries have now been discovered.

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