

At a meeting of the National Democratic Association...
The JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE...
GENERAL JOSEPH LANE...
For the State at Large...
ALFRED M. CALES, of Rockwood...
ED. GRAHAM HAYWOOD, of Warr.

How IT STANDS.—All the counties of the State but two have been heard from, and, according to our count, Ellis' majority is 6,575. The counties to be heard from are Polk and Watauga. Polk is said to have given an hundred and eight majority for Ellis. How Watauga will stand, we cannot say. It is certain that Ellis has carried the Mountain District. Glory enough for one day, when to that is added the further fact that he also carried Mr. Pool's own district. The only districts that Ellis did not carry were Gilmer's and Leach's.

It may perhaps be a sufficient answer to all the allegations of the correspondent referred to, that no one calls in question the right of Mr. Dick or anybody else to meet together and consult. We do, however, most seriously call in question—say, we most positively deny—that the right to call a State Convention of the Democracy of North Carolina belongs to Mr. Dick or any other party, save and except the regularly appointed State Executive Committee of the party. Personally we make no attack upon Mr. Dick. We have known Mr. Dick too long—we have acted with him too long in the ranks of the Democracy, to wish for any unnecessary severance from him. What we say we say in behalf of the masses of the party in North Carolina—the unity and the success of the party, all of which will be jeopardized by any extra course by Mr. Dick and his peculiar friends, or by the running of any separate electoral ticket.

EDITORIAL CHANGES.—George Howard, Esq., has disposed of the *Tarboro' Southern* to C. C. Callan, Esq., late of the *Tarboro' Mercury*. Mr. Howard retires to private life. We regret to lose an old and valued friend from the ranks of the editorial profession. We trust that Mr. Howard may find the change promotive of his comfort and prosperity. He has worked long and faithfully for the Democratic cause. Mr. Callan has had some editorial experience, and will, no doubt, make a sound and reliable Democratic paper. We wish him success.

P. J. Sinclair, Esq., editor and proprietor of the *Fayetteville Daily Carolinian*, announces that from and after the issue of Saturday last, the *Daily Carolinian* will cease for the present. It will hereafter be continued as a semi-weekly, appearing on Wednesday and Saturday of each week. We regret to see that Mr. S. has met with an accident by which he expects to lose two of the joints of his middle finger. We trust that it may prove less serious than he imagines.

Col. Cunningham retires from the editorship of the *Charlotte Evening News*.

"Spectator," giving a report of a Pic Nic at the Bridge crossing the North East River near Burgaw, on the 19th July, has been received. We have not been favored with the name of the writer, and having heard nothing of the Pic Nic heretofore, we decline publishing the article, for the present at least.

Iron.—We notice the arrival on Saturday afternoon of the *Br. Barque Arched*, from Cardiff, Wales. She brings a cargo 465 tons of iron for the Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Railroad.

Reckinridge and Lane Ratification Meeting and Picnic, at Dr. Davis' Mill in Franklin County, N. Carolina. According to notice, there was a Breckinridge and Lane ratification meeting at Dr. Thomas Davis' Mill, on the 31st July. There was a large crowd in attendance from Franklin, Nash, Warren, and Halifax counties. Loud demonstrations from the Cannon's mouth were the first exercises, and that it was called the people to the spot, as the ringing of bells betokens the beginning of exercises in cities. The meeting was organized on motion of Dr. Davis calling W. D. Coppidge to the Chair, and requesting Benjamin J. Blount of Nash, to act as Secretary. At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Julius Guion, of Nash, arose to explain the object of the meeting, and, in doing so, he had to explain himself; for he said he was *cradled* in Whiggery; reared in Whiggery, and entered manhood in Whiggery; but that now he sees the error of his way; that he sees the true Democratic party to be the hope of the country; the only Union-saving organization; and that in Breckinridge and Lane are centered the hopes of the country. That it has been through its benign influences that the confury has advanced, step by step, to its present glorious position, in the great family of nations. Notwithstanding this, old party friends cried that it was raining the country. I would like to follow him through his speech, but I should signally fail to do him justice. He concluded by offering the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the meeting.

Resolved 1st, That we approve of the action of our delegate in the Baltimore Convention in promptly withdrawing, when he saw the Constitutional rights of the South about to be compromised.

Resolved 2nd, That we recognize Jno. C. Breckinridge as the only regular and true candidate of the National Constitutional Democracy for the Presidency of the United States, and Gen. Jos. Lane as the only true and regular candidate for the Vice Presidency, and that we do hereby endorse and ratify those nominations, and pledge them our warm and unwavering support in the present campaign.

Resolved 3rd, That in our present Chief Magistrate we recognize a true and trustworthy statesman, whose large experience and patriotism are devoted to the best interests of the country. After the reading and adoption of these resolutions, the large assemblage repaired to the table to partake of refreshments in the shape of the best of everything in the way of eatables and drinkables, for which we were all indebted to neighbors, and particularly to the energy of Dr. Davis. After this feast, we went back to the feast of reason, and were feasted on eloquent speeches from J. M. Stone, of Nash, who endorsed fully the resolutions adopted, in a sound, able, convincing speech. Dr. Thomas Davis, who made a patriotic, stirring appeal to the country to stand by their nominees, and declared the resolutions all right, and by various other gentlemen of note. Frank Johnson's Brass Band was in attendance, performing sweet sounds, inspiring the crowd with patriotic feelings. By One Who Knows. Democratic papers throughout the State please copy.

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Resolved 1st, That while we hold with due reverence for the memory of an illustrious and just man, we can but deeply mourn over the death of our highly respected friend and brother, who has just been called from our midst, but we are comforted with the hope that he has gone to rest his part in that better and brighter world where the weary will find forever in the enjoyment of a blessed immortality.

Resolved 2d, That we sympathize deeply with his afflicted family who now weep over his death, but they should not repine; for though the hours of this world are forever closed to him, they should trust that a heart charitable to others and generally regardless of self, and a firm belief in the truths of religion, have already opened to him the portals of a more blessed life, and that his disembodied spirit rests in the Paradise of God.

Resolved 3d, That as a token of our high regard for and respect due to our deceased brother, we were the usual badge of mourning thirty days, and that the Lodge he dropped in mourning for the same space of time.

Resolved 4th, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and to the Albany Patriot, Ga., and Wilmington Journal, N. C., with the request that they publish them.

Additional Foreign News by the Atlantic. The Atlantic brought 120 passengers, including Lady Franklin and her niece. She left Southampton at 6 o'clock on the evening of the 1st inst.

ITALY.—The convention agreed to by Garibaldi and Cavour says that the citadel of Messina shall not fire on the town, and the Garibaldian colors will take equal rank with the Neapolitan flag.

FRANCE.—The Emperor Napoleon has written a letter to the French Ambassador in London, in reference to Lord Palmerston's late speech. It is dated July 25th. He says:—Since the peace of Villa Franca, I have had but one thought, one object—to inaugurate a new era in peace, and to live on the best terms with my neighbors, and especially with England. I had renounced Savoy and Nice. The extraordinary additions to Piedmont, alone caused me to resume the desire to see reunited to France provinces essentially French. But it will be objected you wish for peace—and you increase immoderately the military forces of France. I deny the fact in every sense. My army and fleet have in them nothing of a threatening character. My steam navy is even far from being equal to our requirements, and the number of steamers does not equal that of sailing ships thought necessary in the time of Louis Philippe. I have four hundred thousand men under arms, but deduct from this amount 60,000 in Algeria, 6,000 at Rome, 8,000 in China, 20,000 gun d'armes, the sick and non-combatants, and you will see my armaments are of smaller effective strength than during the preceding reign. The only addition to the army list has been the creation of an Imperial Guard.

Moreover, while wishing for peace, I desire also to organize the forces of the country on the best possible footing, for foreigners have only seen the bright side of the last war. Being close at hand, I witnessed the defects and wish to remedy them.

Having said this much, I have, since the treaty of Villa Franca, neither done nor even thought of anything which could alarm any one.

When Lavalette started for Constantinople, the instructions which I gave him were confined to this:—Use every means to maintain the status quo. The interest of France is that Turkey should live as long as possible.

Napoleon then touched on Syrian affairs, saying that his first thought in the matter was to come to an understanding with England. He asks, "What other interest than that of humanity could induce me to send troops to that country?" (Syria). He also says, that the interior organization of France and increase of her resources are fields vast enough for his ambition and sufficient to satisfy him.

"It was difficult for me," he continues, "to come to an understanding with England on the subject of Central Italy, because I was bound by the peace of Villa Franca. As to Southern Italy I am free from engagements, and ask nothing better than to concert with England on this point as on others. But in heaven's name, let the eminent men at the head of the English government lay aside their petty jealousies and unjust mistrusts. Let us understand one another in good faith like honest men, and we are, and not like thieves who desire to cheat each other.

"To sum up—this is my inmost thought; I desire that Italy should obtain peace, no matter how, but without foreign intervention, and that my troops should be able to quit Rome without compromising the security of the Pope. I could very much wish not to be obliged to undertake this Syrian expedition, and in any case not to undertake it alone. Firstly, because it will be a great expense; and secondly, because I fear this intervention may involve the Eastern question. But, on the other hand, I do not see how to resist the public opinion of my country—which will never understand that we can leave unpunished not only the massacre of the Christians, but the burning of our consulate, the insult to our flag, and the pillage of the monasteries which were under our protection."

The London Times, in commenting on the above letter, while evidently distrusting the Emperor, is glad of any occasion which has elicited profession of such friendly sentiments, and trusts that they foreshadow a policy under which we may enjoy peace without being compelled long to support all the burdens of war.

ROME.—The Pope has decided to quit Rome AUSTRIA AND PRUSSIA.—A mutual understanding has taken place between Austria and Prussia on the most important questions of European policy. This is the result of the Poplitz meeting.

SYRIA.—England, Austria and Prussia are ready to send troops to Syria. GENOA, July 31.—Advices from Damascus have been received to the 10th of July. Three thousand Christians had taken refuge in the citadel occupied by the Algerines under Abd-el-Kader. The town was in the power of the murderers and incendiaries to the number of 2,400, and the Turkish garrison of 5,000 men was inactive or hostile. The soldiers had driven the Christians into the flames of the burning houses. The same account computes the number of victims at from three to four thousand, but states that this may be exaggerated.

Rev. Mr. Graham, of the Irish Presbyterian mission at Damascus, was murdered in the open streets. He had a guard of Turkish troops, but they did nothing towards defending him.

A MYSTERY EXPLAINED.—The "Horrible Murder at Long Branch" has turned out a hoax. A correspondent of a morning paper writes:—"I was informed by Mr. Abe Reed, the proprietor of the National, that the fisherman had found a bottle just half an hour before I arrived, full of blood, and one of his cooks had filled it—and the jug in question was his—and that some of the barbers had got some hair and put it with the blood on the club and the boot; and the whole affair turns out to be a regular hoax. I have seen the jug in question; and Mr. West is around here, as well as he ever was, and the two negroes have not run away from the National Hotel. I find no Coroner here at all, but all the people are enjoying themselves—some in bathing, others walking and promenade upon the beach, others out riding, and the men in general eating and drinking."

DEPARTURE OF THE GREAT EASTERN FROM ANNAPOLIS.—Baltimore, Aug. 11.—The steamship Great Eastern sailed from Annapolis Roads at an early hour this morning for New York. She did not get all her coal on board.

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