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Who Shall be Governor?

Already the people are beginning to feel an interest in next year's campaign and are beginning to discuss the availability of proposed candidates and the soundness of suggested measures and methods. In this discussion the question of "who shall be Governor?" is of supremest importance, and commands the largest share of attention.—There, are perhaps, a dozen or more men who are aspirants for the nomination and they all have zealous friends who are ready to urge their nomination as the strongest that could be made. There are fully a dozen aspirants whom we believe could be elected and who would make excellent Governors.—There is no lack of good material out of which to make a candidate, and if we should nominate either of the distinguished gentlemen whose names have been mentioned in this connection, we could not err greatly. The Democratic party in North Carolina is fortunate in having so many men in whom are combined the elements of strength necessary te success. And while we have no fears as to the nomination or the election of the nominee, we think it a wise policy to nominate the most available man if we can determinate who that man is. The Democratic party has too small a majority to take any risks and therefore we ought to nominate a man of large experience, a man who has filled positions of trust and who has a clear record, and the confidence of the people. We want a man of ability; we want an educated gentleman; a polished man it may be; but more than these we want our nominee to be a man of character—of stainless reputation—of unblemished life. We want a man who has clean hands, though they may be empty.—We want a man upon whom there rests no suspicion—whose life has been an open, honest one, and whose acts can stand the clear light of investigation. The day for nominating men for their brilliancy of intellect has passed and the time when a dishonest man could, by his flights of oratory, sway and carry votes has also luckily passed, and we have come to a more practical age when the worth and merit and honesty of a candidate is esteemed above intellect and brilliancy. The people demand, then, that a man of character and experience must be our nominee. In addition to these two essentials the man must be a popular man—he must be a man to whom the people will flock and gladly support. He must be a man who will create enthusiasm and put life into the campaign. He must be a bold and aggressive speaker and must present the issues clearly and forcibly. He must have no explanations or defences to make, but must put his opponent on the defensive.

hoever combines these qualities ought and will, we believe, receive the nomination, and be elected by an unprecedentedly large majority. Whether his name be Scales, Coke, Gilmer, Bennett, Dortch, Davis, Vance, Robinson, Bennett, Carr, Holt or some other it matters, we, take it, but little, We have thought that Judge Gilmer possessed more elements of strength than any other man who has been mentioned, and we several months ago, suggested his name as a proper man to nominate. Since our suggestion we note that a number of our State exchanges, at least ten or a dozen, have said editorially that they preferred him.—We heard one of the leading lawyers of Eastern North Carolina say, only a few days ago that he believed Gilmer would make a better run than any man who could be nominated except Senator Vance. Others think Scales the stongest, and the returns from every county in the State, published in the Raleigh *Chronicle* showed that he led in the estimation of the *Chronicle's* correspondents, as he probably does with the people. They are both good and true men and either would be elected. Of the two we think Gilmer the most available—in fact the most available man who could be nominated.

Death of a Prominent Man.

In the death of Judge Farish C. Furman, of Macon Georgia, which sad event occurred on the night of September 14th., the South loses one of its most progressive and prominent agriculturists and the leader of the intensive system of farming which is now attracting so much attention. He was worth more to his country and its material development than a dozen politicians. His death at this time, when our farmers looked to him for guidance and counsel—as the Moses to lead them out from the old ruts into a new and better way—is much to be regetted. The good he has done in stimulating Southern farmers will not die with him, but others will perpetuate his worgs, will take advantage of his experience, and we may say of him that "though dead he yet speaketh."

Darwin has at last been endorsed by nature in the truth of his statement that our original progenitors were of the monkey race. A class of natives have been discovered in Paraguay who are possessed of caudal appendages, and those of the skeptics who challenged the Darwinian theory solely on the grounds that no specimens could be found to uphold it, must now forever keep their peace. The menmonkeys are not as liberally gifted as the genuine article, their tail being only about eight inches long. An eight inch tail is but long enough to point the moral and prove the relationship. These Paraguayans walk erect, and are capable of articulate speech. How unfortunate for the mental satisfaction of Darwin that the missing link was not discovered before his death.

We have read of no sadder or more touching suicide than that of Judge Robert Mayo, of Virginia. Early on the morning of September 15th., in his State room on the Baltimore steamer he shot himself in the head, death ensuing immediately. He was a prominent lawyer and held a Judgeship under the Mahone *regime*, although he could not agree with the principles of Mahone and his henchmen. He seems to have taken his life under a stress of anguish produced by a demand of political servitude.

In a private letter to the editor, H. A. Gudger Esq., late Chairman of the State Prohibition Executive Committee, and now proprietor of Warm Spring Hotel, brands the current rumor that he has been arrested for selling liquor on Sunday and keeping a disorderly house, as a lie. He says "my confidence in the good judgment of the people of North Carolina is such that I am constrained to think that they will not believe such idle and ridiculous reports."

The Raleigh *Chronicle* has endeavored to get public sentiment as to who should be nominated for Congress in the first District but has met with little success. Currituck is for W. B. Shaw; Pitt is for Maj. L. C. Latham; Hertford, Pasquotank, Martin and Bertie, for Jas. E. Iwin Moore. David A. Barnes, a chivalric gentleman of Hertford, is mentioned as is also Thos. Skinner and others.—Moore is *the* man.

A commendable effort is on foot to found a home for disabled Confederate soldiers. A gentleman in Edgecombe offers to give $100. Mr. H. C. Eccles of Charlotte, responds with another hundred. And now "A Private" in Durham, whom we guess to be Julian S. Carr Esq., writes to the *News-Observer* that he will give $500 towards this fund. Let the ball roll on.

The Raleigh *Chronicle*, published by Walter H. Page Esq., assisted by Edward A. Oldham, has made its apperance. It is a capital good paper and if its first number is a fair criterion by which to judge it, we may safely predict that it will be the best weekly paper published at Raleigh since the war. The publisers have our best wishes.

Four members of the Forty-eighth Congress have died already before Congress has assembled. They are Updegraff, of Ohio; Herndon, of Alabama; Pool, of North Carolina; and Cutts, of Iowa. The two latter were Republicans, and it is reasonably certain that Democrats will succeed both.

The Greensboro "Patriot" calls Mr. Jas. W. Reid "our next Congressman." He is the finest orator in the State and one of the best men.

"Honest" Jo. Davis, of Franklin, says nothing could induce him to be a candidate for Governor. He ought to be elected State Treasurer.

Gov. Butler, of Massachusetts, has appointed a negro lawyer to be judge in that State. Civil rights!

PENCILLINGS AND SCISSORINGS.

Wake Forest College opened with 100 students.

In hot weather Tennessee farmers plow by moonlight and sleep all day.

Dr. R. H. Chapman, of Goldsboro is prostrated with a spinal affection at Asheville.

The democrats, of Maryland, have nominated Robt. M. McLean for Governor.

Judge Ruffin's health is much improved. He has no idea of retiring from the bench.

Geo. D. Roberson has been nominated for Governor of Massachusetts by the Republicans.

A colored girl near Bath, says the "Gazette," was horribly burned last week. She died.

Dr. R. D. Flemming has been appointed Receiver for the defunct Warrenton Savings Bank.

Fifty German families have bought land and settled near Ridgeway, Warren county. Good!

The Texas "Siftings" gives a never failing remedy to to prevnet dogs from dying. It says "kill them."

The Warrenton "Gazette" says that 169 persons have joined the Methodist church on that circuit this year.

There are 5,000 book-keepers in New York city who cannot get employment at any price. They had better come South and go to work.

The Washington "Gazette" says that a cotton seed oil mill will be erected in that town by October 15th. Part of the machinery has already arrived.

One firm in Gates county, N. C owns thirty miles of narrow-gauge railway, connecting five of its sawmills. It is the largest lumber business in the state.

Another duel has been fought in Virginia. This time between a Richmond College student and a young lawyer, Neither was hit and only one fire was had.

Mrs. Geo. Anderson, colored, in DeKalb county, Tenn. gave birth to a doublefaced child. It has one ear on each side of its faces, four eyes, two noses and two mouths.

Mr. Randall having drawn $12.50 for four day's services as a petit juror, it would be a good idea for Mr. Carlisle to turn out and "work the roads" in Kentucky for about three days.

A young man in the neighborhood of Windsor, S. C., aged 20 has been "engaged" nineteen different times, thus averaging an engagement for every year since he came into the world.

Young Shields, of Mecklenburg county, coming home one night, discovered that a young man—Joe Sitton—(whose sister had married a brother of Shields) was in the bedchamber of his youngest sister, Mollie Shields, aged about 17 years.

A handsome office, built entirely out of North Carolina woods, has been erected, and a bureau of information has been established for the benefit of parties desiring to obtain knowledge of the state and the railroad rates, at the Boston Exposition.

"Herod had all the children destroyed," said a black preacher in the hearing of the editor of the "Methodist Advance." "up to two years old. It was the grandest and most exciting time in all *animals* of history." He had been looking at the circus pictures.

Hugh J. Hastings, though nobody but an editor, had for his pall bearers the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury, Roscoe Conkling, and the two richest millionaires in the country. However he may have come in to the world he made a distinguished exit.

A day or two afterwards he charged his sister with it and she admitted it, saying that they were engaged to be married. He took his gun and went to Sitton and demanded that he should marry Mollie Shields, and then shot Sitton killing him instantly. He says that Sitton refused to marry the girl. He was tried in Charlotte last week and found guilty. An appeal has been taken to the Supreme Court.

While Rev. C. C. Dodson was preaching at Smith Grove campmeeting last Saturday night, says the Winston "Leader," a highland moccasin crawled out into the aisle from among some ladies, and began to strike in every direction. One young lady barely escaped. This threw consternation among those near his snakeship. A youth wearing a pair of heavy boots demolished the reptile, and the services proceeded,

The Wilmington "Star" relates, how Mr. A. J. Swinson, who was digging a well in Columbus county was pushed into the well by a strange negro, who then threw a heavy crosstie into the well to make sure that he had killed his victim. The negro proceeded to rob the house and the postoffice kept by Mr. Swinson. Strange to say Swinson was not hurt, and dug his way out of the well with a chisel which he held in his hand when thrown in.

Edenton Enquirer: On Sunday morning of last week, Dr. H. C. Wiley, of Gates county requested his wife to make him some quinine pills. She got a bottle from the shelf and made the pills. Dr. Wiley took five of them, and finding the effect peculiar for quinine, examined the bottle and found his wife had mistaken the morphine bottle for quinine. He at once prescribed antidotes for himself, and the neighbors were summoned. It was with great difficulty that he preserved his life.

NOTICE.

Having notified guardians, administrators and executors, both by public notice and through the mail, that they were required to renew their bonds and file their accounts, this is to inform those who have not complied with the said notices, that unless they do so before the first day of October, 1883, they will be subject to the cost of an attachment to compel said returns and renewal of bonds. Don't ask for any indulgence.

A. B. DEANS.
Clerk Superior Court.
Sept. 14th, 1883.-2t