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The drawers of New York, to the number of five thousand, are on a strike.

The news flashed across the wires yesterday that Roscoe Conkling was dead.

Congressman Shumway has introduced a bill to provide for the survey of Tar River from Tarboro to Rocky Mount.

The Asheville Daily Citizen has entered upon its fourth volume. The paper has improved considerably in the past few months.

The Tarboro Southern compares the farmer who buys protected goods and sells unprotected cotton, to the dog who tries to catch his own tail.

There is a deeper feeling of regard for the success of the Democratic party among the best people of the State than has been the case in many years.

BLAINE's letter meant nothing. He will, everything now shows, be the candidate of the Republican party for the presidency in the approaching campaign.

The Republicans spare no means by which they deem it possible to increase the expenditures of the government and thereby prevent or retard the reduction of the tariff.

It has been decided by the Board of Agriculture and the Trustees of the Agricultural College, who met in Raleigh last week, to go to work at once on the college building.

The record of the Democratic and Republican parties in the best possible way by which to judge them. The more the records are ventilated the stronger will the Democratic party grow in popular favor.

The State Chronicle is decidedly one of the best newspapers in the State and if you desire a first class Democratic newspaper from Raleigh, that is the paper you are looking for.

DEMOCRATIC SUCCESS this year depends more upon organization than it has in years. We must know every voter in the State and know where he stands long before the day of election.

The Gospel Herald is the name of a religious publication issued by Rev. C. Durham, Raleigh, for the purpose of aiding him in his work as Missionary Secretary of the Missionary Baptist Church in this State.

ABOVE all things North Carolina must be thoroughly organized in the approaching campaign. More depends on that than anything else. The State should be organized as it was in the campaign of 1876.

The fact that the Democratic party believes in the education of the people and shows that belief by its work, should have some weight with men who have children that they do not desire to see grow up in ignorance.

UNDER the present law of the United States no man who has become a commissioned officer in either the Navy or Army of this country, this ought not to be, and we hope the bill introduced by Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia, will become a law.

The loss by the great railroad strike in the West, which began on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road about five days ago, has been estimated at \$601,380 to the men and \$2,100,000 to the corporations. This is exclusive of the indirect losses, which cannot be ascertained.

THE news occasionally breaks out that all is not harmonious and serene in the management of the Republican party. The leaders of that party are, almost exclusively men who are there for the money they can make and they are therefore exceedingly jealous of the influence attained by the radical party of spoils. They always harmonize their differences however.

The Louisville Times contains an article concerning the fact that Capt. Chas. M. Cooke, of Bowling Green, Mo., will not be a candidate for the Congressional nomination in the Raleigh district this year. Capt. Cooke is one of the most persuasive speakers in the State and possesses many elements of strength. The fact that he will not be a candidate for the nomination leaves the field, as it looks now, almost open to H. H. Bunn, Esq. Mr. Bunn will be nominated, we suppose, there is little doubt, and if he is he will make a vigorous and determined fight. We know of no men who are better fitted to meet John Nichols than he is.

IT WON'T WORK.

The people along the line of the Atlantic & N. C. R. R. are by no means pleased with the management of that road under President Bryan. They feel that their interests have not been protected and that consideration that should have been given them. They have expressed themselves pretty freely in regard

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The ADVANCE has known no act that speaks better for the people of Wilson than the voluntary determination to rebuild Judge Connor's house. All the years of his life Judge Connor has lived in Wilson and all his interests and hopes and aspirations have been those of his fellow citizens of Wilson. He has been so honorable in his public professional career; so pure in his private life; so public-spirited and zealous in advocacy of all measures that had the good of Wilson as their object; so true in all his relations to his fellow citizens; so just and so full of love for his neighbors, that he has won the confidence, the respect, the esteem and affectionate regard of the entire community. And not only so; his friends are not confined to Wilson, but they are numbered wherever he is known. Judge Connor attracts men to him because he is a man of character, ability, and has a warm heart.

Judge Connor has been most appreciative of this warm friendship and the continued manifestations of the esteem of his fellow citizens. The burning of his residence was a great loss to him, for the salary of a Superior Court Judge is so small that it admits of saving next to nothing. The people of Wilson appreciated this fact, and while they regretted the burning of the residence, they were glad of an opportunity of giving to Judge Connor a new, strong and substantial testimony of their continued and growing love of him.

The ADVANCE knows that the benefits which Judge Connor has conferred upon this community have entitled him to the full measure of regard and tokens of regard which have been given him.

It is not creditable alike to the people of Wilson and to Judge Connor. It shows that his career has been most honorable and most worthy of appreciation; and it shows that the people of Wilson are most appreciative of the qualities found in Judge Connor, and that they are most generous and most warm-hearted.

We rejoice to record such evidence as is to-day permitted. It is speaking testimony that there is still much of generosity and love between man and man. It teaches us that all men are brothers, and that this truth is accepted among us. We need more of such expressions—they make men better and make life sweeter.

HARD UP.

The attempt of Solicitor Argo and the Republican press to make the theft of Cross and White an "issue" in the approaching campaign is the most despicable attempt they have yet made to manipulate issues upon which to fight. The fact that the men who robbed the band were Democrats is the statement with which the attempt to make the lamentable robbery an issue, starts with. After stating that Cross and White are both Democrats the attempt is next made to show that District Attorney Busbee, being a Democrat, accepted a compromise by means of which the offenders of the law were returned under better conditions for their crime than if they had been extradited. In plain words Mr. Busbee accepted the voluntary return of the men and promised (as he was empowered to do) that they should receive exactly the same treatment as they would if extradited.

THE ADVANCE, as our readers well know, believes that justice should be meted out to these men, as well as to all who violate the law. It is because of this belief that we command Mr. Busbee for acting as he did, thereby securing the return of Cross and White without the delay and uncertainty and expense of extraditing them. He acted as he should, it appears to us, and we look up on the attempt of Solicitor Argo to ridicule Mr. Busbee and to place the powers that be in the attitude of attempting to shield men who are charged with grave crimes, as simply an attempt to make political capital for his own corrupt party.

We love to see men work for their political party—we believe it is every man's duty to take an interest in politics, but it looks to us as though Solicitor Argo and the men aiding and abetting him have gone beyond the bounds of decency in attempting to make political capital out of this bank robbery. When a party sinks so low as this, how under heaven can it ask honest, thoughtful men to support it.

THE NEW WORLD IS A "MIGHTY SMART" PAPER.

The New York World is a wonderful circulation, but the hardest job it has ever undertaken is to discredit President Cleveland before the American people and get David B. Hill nominated in 1888 for the Presidency. David will have to walk and the World will have to make up its mind to support Cleveland in good faith. It has a fearful example of failure right before it in the once widely circulated and influential Sun. But now who cares for what the shrunken and dim Sun says or thinks or does?—Wilmington Star.

OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

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POLITICAL CHAT.

Some of the Conventions in Which Our Readers are Interested.

Halifax Democratic County Convention will be held at Halifax May 21st. The township conventions will be held on the 17th.

The Democrats of Onslow county hold a mass meeting on the 7th of May to elect delegates to the various conventions.

Cumberland county Democrats hold their county convention on May 5th at Fayetteville and the township conventions on April 27.

The Democrats of Johnston county meet in the various townships of that county on the 12th of May to elect delegates to the county convention which will be held in Smithfield on the 16th of the same month. This convention is simply to elect delegates to the State and Congressional conventions.

The Executive Committee of Nash county has issued a call for the county convention Monday, May 21st, and township conventions May 19th. The Democrats of that county are alive to their interest as they have not been in years and are lessening some dissensions that do not at present appear, are introduced in the light, there is little doubt that Nash county will be safely and squarely Democratic.

The Democrats of Lenoir county will hold their county convention at Kinston on the 28th of this month. The township conventions will be held next Saturday. The Republicans of that county meet in county convention May 8th and the township conventions May 5th. The Democrats of Lenoir believe they have a better chance of success this year than they have had since the county was redeemed from them.

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