THE ROANOKE NEWS

THURSDAY, : : FEBRUARY 28, 1884.

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THE season for candidates has arrived. Only a few will not be disappointed.

MR. TILDEN'S candidacy is favored by thirty-eight among the seventy-three members of the Mississippi Legislature.

CHAIRMAN BARNUM, of the National Democratic Executive Committee is reported to be opposed to the Morrison Tariff bill or any agitation of the tariff question and advises Democrats to use every possible means to defeat agitation.

ON Monday Senator Ransom offered a joint resolution appropriating $100,000 for the relief of the sufferers by the recent great storm in the Southern States. The resolution was referred.

The sufferers being in the South it may not pass, because Southern, people are not looked upon as proper objects upon which to confer favors. The resolution ought to be speedily reported back and adopted by both branches of the Congress.

THE Piedmont *Press* calls attention to a section in the code (Sec. 2821,) which provides that "any number of land owners whose lands are contiguous, may at any time build a common fence around all their lands, with gates across all public highways; and no live stock shall run at large within any such enclosure under the pains and penalties prescribed in this chapter." This provision enables landowners to have the no-fence law without submitting the question to a vote. The *Press* suggests that the law also include dogs within the meaning of stock, which would allow any one desiring to do so to keep dogs on their own premises, but could not then run at large and the number would be greatly reduced without any taxation.

BEFORE measures could be taken to relieve the sufferers by the late cyclone at Rockingham, Jno. M. Robinson, President C. C. R. R. Co., from his home in Baltimore, telegraphed General Manager Jno. C. Winder to forward to the Mayor of Rockingham $100. It will be remembered that when the poor of Raleigh were in great need of fuel last winter, this same gentleman ordered his General Manager to load his trains with wood and go to the rescue. It gives us pleasure to chronicle such evidence of christian charity on the part of capitalists owing property in the State.—Wil. *Star*.

A succession of such generous acts on the part of Mr. Robinson and Mr. Ghio have made their names household words along the lines of their respective roads, and have set an example that other roads might follow with advantage to their corporations. The cry against corporations which alarms and terrorizes their managers would never have been raised, if they all had the liberal and generous management that marks the jurisdiction of the above named gentlemen. The people of our old State will long remember these two gentlemen with gratitude.

REPRESENTATIVE SPRINGER has introduced for reference in the house a proposed constitutional amendment making the Presidential term six years and rendering the President ineligible to re-election for the next succeeding term. It provides for a direct vote of the people for President in each State and abolishes the electoral college. Each State shall have a number of votes equal to the number of its representatives and Senators, to be given to each candidate in proportion to the total vote cast for each. The term of representatives is fixed at three years and Congress shall meet each year on the first Wednesday of January, the first session to convene in January succeeding the November election.

The canvass for nominees for State offices will soon begin as the time for the Convention approaches. The National Committee has fixed July 8th as the date of holding the National Convention and of course the State Conventions must be held prior to that time. Many have expressed their preferences for certain men. Some thinks young men should be allowed to take front seats, or at least a portion of them, and some think the present State officers should be asked to retire.

In the Democratic party every one is not only entitled to his opinion but has also the right to express it when and where he pleases. But it is not always judicious to force an opinion upon others nor do we think any attempt of this kind has been made. Unless there is a full expression of opinion delegates cannot act in accordance with the wishes of the people by whom they are sent to the convention. But there ought to be a determination on the part of every Democrat to abide by the action of the Convention. It is impossible to please all and it is but fair that those who are disappointed should not let their disappointment continue during the campaign.

The next election will have to be carried by hard work. The Republicans will make every effort, assisted by the administration and their congressional Committee, to elect their candidates. This can be accomplished more easily if the Democrats be not united. The least that is said and done before the Convention, by friends of the several candidates, consistent with their duties, the better it will be after the Convention has made its selections. There should be no strife in the party, but every one should be willing to give up to the will of the majority provided of course the nominees are men of character and trustworthy and the Democracy of the State will nominate no others. The party should determine now to place on its ticket men who are known to be upright, honest, true and able and so this end is attained it ought, singly and collectively, to be satisfied.

GEO. R. WENDLING, a prominent Democratic politician of Illinois and a well known public lecturer, has returned home from an extensive tour through the West. While away he came into intercourse with leading Democratic politicians. He says that Tilden is undoubtedly the first choice of the party for President and in all the Western States which he had visited the old ticket was the favorite in preference to any other now mentioned. Wendling is one of the best informed Democratic politicians.

THE colored race in Ohio is said to be worked to an extraordinary pitch on the subject of civil rights. Leagues are springing up daily and it is estimated that within two months there will be 200 of them. The leagues are to be permanent and will be devoted to the general interests of the colored race. The leagues will insist on the repeal of the law in that State forbidding the marriage of a negro to a white woman, the law permitting separate schools and the striking out of the word white in the constitution. It is thought these leagues will make the colored people a unit on all social, moral and political questions.

GENERAL NEWS.

The statue of Gen. Robert Lee, which was unveiled at New Orleans yesterday by the Lee Monument association weighs about seven thousand pounds, and was cast in six sections, the head alone weighing over three hundred pounds. It is by far the largest bronze statue ever cast in New York.

The color line in New Jersey has been completely wiped out so far as the schools are concerned by the decision of Judge Dixie, of the Supreme Court. The case in question grew out of the refusal of the trustees of Burlington to admit four mulatto children to a school for white children in that town. The Court held that the law expiscitly provides that no children between the ages of five and eighteen shall be refused admittance to any school.

A new piano, invented by M. Wilhelm Fischer, has been brought out at Leipsic. In outward appearance it resembles a cottage piano, and it has the ordinary hammer action, but in lieu of the familiar strings tuning forks are substituted for the purpose of procuring pure as well as sustained tone.

"PAY JOHN WILLIAMS."

At a church meeting not far from Boston, a man whose credit was not the best, and who was somewhat noted for his failure to meet his obligations, arose to speak. The subject for the evening was, "What shall I do to be saved?" Commencing in measured tones he quoted the passage, "What shall I do to be saved?" He paused, and again more emphatically asked the question, "What shall I do to be saved?" Again, with increased solemnity and impressiveness of manner, he repeated the momentous inquiry, when a voice from the assembly answered in clear and distinct tones, "Go and pay John Williams for that yoke of oxen you bought of him!" The remainder of the gentleman's address was not reported. All present appreciated the fitness of the unexpected word in season, and were saved from hearing a lengthy exhortation from a swindler's lips.

The incident has led us to think that there are a good many people who before they make much progress in walking in the way of salvation themselves or guiding others therein, will have to "Go and pay John Williams," or John somebody else, the money they honestly owe them. There is no man shrewd enough to pursue a course of dishonesty and trickery, and still retain the favor of God in this world, or a good hope of glory for the world to come. It is best to settle up, and pay up, and then it will be in order to talk in the prayer meeting.—*Sel.*

STATE PRESS.

The Democratic majority in North Carolina is uncomfortably small and only by wisdom and prudence can we win the next election.—Wilson *Advance*.

No true Democrat can afford to place himself in a position which will render it impossible for him to enter into earnest support of the whole ticket afterward to be chosen by his party.—Wilson *Mirror*.

We would like to vote for a man for Governor who defines his position on the "protective tariff," as clearly as does Col. Walter L. Steele. If it is the wish of the Democratic convention, we will accept the Col's. nomination.—Concord *Register*.

We have long contended that our present system of having a Solicitor in a district of several counties, instead of one in each county, had very much to do with the increase of crime by the failure of its punishment. Under the present arrangement it is impossible for the Solicitor to gather the facts in the many cases he has to try without the voluntary aid of the good people in the section where the crime is committed.—Hickory *Carolinian*.

The name of Hon. C. M. Cooke, of Franklin, is being spoken of very often in several sections for the office of Governor of North Carolina. The democrats could hardly put up a man who would get more votes, but we are not prepared to say whether this distinguished gentleman aspires to the position, or would consent to allow his name to go before the Convention. Being a fine lawyer, he is also one of the best men, and one of the best speakers in the State.—Franklin *Times*.

Nominate an entirely new State ticket. Not that we love the present State officers less, but that we love the North Carolina Democracy more. This move is essential to the success of the party in the coming election and let the convention assemble with that one thought in the mind of every delegate and we'll carry the State by a majority unequalled in the history of the North Carolina Democracy. It will infuse new life into its arteries, and be the means of attracting to the polls men who have refrained from voting for lo these many years.—Winston *Sentinel*.

Mr. J. J. Linchford, Secretary of the State Executive Democratic Committee, thinks that the contest for the Democratic nomination for Governor will pretty surely settle down to a contest between three candidates—Mr. Scales, Mr. Coke and Mr. Gilmer; and Mr. Gilmer, he thinks, is fast attracting the Scales strength who has the advantage over Mr. Scales of an extensive personal acquaintance throughout the State. Yes, he is of the opinion, if there should be a contest between the Gilmer and and Coke men in the Convention, Scales would be the man that they would agree on.—Raleigh Correspondence, Washington *Gazette*.

THE STORM.

A Cyclone Strikes Several North Carolina Towns and Destroys many Lives and much Property.

On Tuesday night of last week a fearful cyclone swept over a portion of the state leaving in its wake great suffering and destruction. The track of the storm was about a quarter of a mile wide.

Chickens and birds were found picked clean, except the feathers on their heads; the largest trees were uprooted and smaller ones had all the bark stripped from their trunks. The storm first made its appearance at Rockingham at 7.30 P. M. The eastern sky was overshadowed by dark flying clouds tinged with red, growing thicker every minute, the red tinge assuming the hue of fire. At 8.30 there was a heavy fall of rain and hail, the heaviest of the clouds moving westward. At midnight the sky was a dazzling red, and at 1 A. M. there was a rather heavy fall of rain.

In Nash and Wilson counties the damage was great. Houses were blown down endangering the lives of some and killing others. Mr. H. C. Williams, who lives about 12 miles from Wilson happened to the misfortune of having his house blown down. He narrowly escaped with his life. His baby asleep on a bed was blown, with the bed, one hundred yards and it is miraculous that it sustained no injuries. Mr. A. B. Williams mill was blown down, and the heavy mill-rock blown thirty yards. The barns, stalls and every building on Mr. Spencer Williams' place except his dwelling were scattered to the winds as so many feathers. Mr. Henry Whitley, who was returning home from Wilson with a load of guano, was overtaken by the storm in an open field. The body of his wagon was literally lifted from its bed and blown twenty feet.

A house was blown down falling on a woman and child. It took several hours to clear away the *debris*, when the child was found to be dead and the woman seriously injured.

Every house on Mr. Yancey Glover's place was bodily lifted off, and not a particle of his furniture has since been found except a single bedquilt.

Everything, house, barn, furniture, &c., of Joseph O'Neal was scattered to the winds.

A child of Parker Morgan (col.) was killed, we have not learned how.

Geo. Finch's kitchen, barn, &c., were blown away and only his dwelling was left standing.

Everything belonging to Mr. Jordan, even the shoes and stockings were blown away.

About half past eight the cyclone passed over the Carolina Central railroad near Polkton, killing a woman, completely blowing her house away carrying large trees with it. Hail fell in large quantities, the stones measuring from 2½ to 1½ inches. The storm then moved in an easterly direction, crossing the Carolina Central road two miles east of Rockingham, destroying everything in its path.

At Rockingham it struck the out skirts of the town and killed 25 persons and wounded 18. Some of the wounded will die. From there it was traced nine miles.

It destroyed McDonald's mill carrying the mill stones fifty yards. No reports from the interior of the county have been received, but it is feared that the loss of life and property is very great.

Reports from Beaver Dam in Union county, says that several houses were completely wrecked there by the cyclone and several persons wounded.

Near Polkton a man and his wife living in a farm house, had their house blown away. The woman was killed and the man caught in the timbers and badly injured.

Reports from Lilesville says that several negroes are killed near that place.

Among the dead found was a mother with her babe clasped to her breast, whom the wind had carried to a swamp.

The storm passed in an easterly direction from Rockingham, between Keyser and Manly, destroying everything in its path.

Reports from Lillington, Harnett county, says six dead bodies were found in the path of the storm near there.

At Hamlet those who saw the hurricane say that it could hardly have been worse. That place was just on the edge of it. There was a continuous flash of lightening for three or four hours and the heavens appeared to be on fire. About the time the storm struck Rockingham it was terrible. At Hamlet one of the hardest rains fell that has ever been seen.

In Johnson county great damage was done by the storm. It blew down the house of Mr. Johnson, just beyond Swift creek, dangerously wounding his little child and injuring him and his wife. The track of the storm was in that section, a quarter of a mile wide and in that space everything was swept away.

At Ansonville 28 houses were blown to atoms and two men killed.

Near Wadesboro six persons were killed.

These are only a few instances which go to show the damage done to life by the cyclone. There is little doubt that fully 500 people were killed in Georgia by the storm, and fully three times that number injured, many of them seriously. The destruction to property will reach $2,000,000.

INCIDENTS.

A remarkable occurrence happened at Mr. Jones. A one horse iron-axled wagon was blown from the farm two hundred yards, to a branch, in which it was found minus two wheels which have not yet been found. Visiting Mr. Jones was a daughter with an infant. Aroused from sleep by the fury of the storm, this lady left her baby on the bed and fled in terror. All but the ground floor of the house was swept away, yet after the storm the baby was found quietly sleeping on the bed where it had been laid, although one of the bed railings was subsequently found two hundred yards away in the branch with the wagon.

A stump five feet in diameter and not over two feet high was blown up by the roots and carried 45 yards, hundreds of smaller stumps were torn up by the roots, and the timber, when not blown down, was twisted and torn in a surprising manner.

Oaks four feet in diameter were blown down, thrown in opposite directions and lapped into each other. The hearthrock from a fire-place upstairs was blown about seventy-five yards; gate posts, planted two feet in the ground, were torn up and carried away. The top of a white oak, two feet in diameter, was twisted off and has not been seen. A cedar standing near the gate was uprooted and the limbs torn into shreds and beaten into splinters. The shingles are all gone except a few pieces scattered here and there about one inch wide.

The clothing of the family was torn into fragments, which were found lodged in the tops of large trees some distance from the scene. The furniture was entirely destroyed. Bedsteads, chairs, trunks and tables were broken into fragments and strewn in every direction over the neighboring forests. Bedquilts and counterpanes were found three miles from the house, wrapped around the branches of trees. A hive of bees was carried away and has not been seen. One of the curb stones of the well, weighing about 500 pounds, was lifted from the foundation and thrown into the well.

Mill stones weighing 2,000 pounds were moved fifty yards. A mother and her babe, barely a month old, were found in the woods dead, the mother clasping the helpless form of her babe to her breast.

The house in which Mrs. Sterling resided, was torn all to pieces. At the time the blow came her son and daughter were in the house with her. They were both blown out of the house and lodged in a large tree that was standing in the yard, escaping with severe bruises. Their aged mother was crushed to death in the falling timbers.

A sill of a house, 22 feet long and 8 x 10 inches, was taken up and carried a distance of a hundred yards and hurled against the ground with such force that one end entered to a sufficient depth to hold up the other. A piece of pot ware was found stove into a tree 25 feet from the ground, and a horse was found crippled who owner cannot be discovered. A piece of plank was forced endwise through another piece of plank. Huge pine trees were found with no stumps to indicate where they came from. Spokes were blown out of wagon wheels, and the iron tires twisted.

Persons in the vicinity of the storm say that the noise produced by it resembled that of a heavily loaded railroad train, while the flashing of the lightning was incessant and the most vivid ever seen in this section, attended by low rumbling thunder. We heard a reliable person say that a ball of fire preceded the storm, sending forth a bright, effulgent light. The rain poured down in torrents, and for a few minutes hail stones of uncommon size were showered down. The storm lasted only for a few minutes.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The Committee's Call for its Meeting at Chicago on July 8th.

The Democratic National Executive Committee met at Washington on Friday, and was called to order by Chairman Barnum:

A resolution was adopted advising the territories to send two delegates each to the convention, but leaving the question of their admission to be decided by the convention itself.

On motion of Mr. Hewitt the committee proceeded to ballot on the time for holding the convention. June 24th was agreed on, with a large minority in favor of a later day. The roll was then called for the presentation of names of places for holding the convention. Baltimore Cincinnati, Louisville, Chicago were named by members of the committee. Twenty minutes each was then given to the spokesmen of the delegations urging the claims of different cities. The arguments concluded, the committee proceeded without delay to the ballot. The first ballot resulted, Chicago 15, St. Louis 14, Saratoga 5, Louisville 3, Cincinnati 1; second ballot, Chicago 19, St. Louis 15, Saratoga 2, third ballot, Chicago 21, St. Louis 17.

After a recess the committee re-assembled and issued the following call:

The National Democratic Committee having met in the city of Washington on the 22nd day of February 1884, has appointed Tuesday the 8th day of July next at noon, as the time, and chosen the city of Chicago as the place, for holding the National Democratic Convention. Each state is entitled to a representative there equal to double the number of its Senators and representatives in the Congress of the United States. The Democrats of each organized territory and the District of Columbia are invited to send two delegates subject to the decision of the Convention as to their admission. All Democratic conservative citizens of the United States, irrespective of past political associations and differences who can unite with us in the effort for pure, economical and constitutional government, are cordially invited to join in sending delegates to the convention.

DEATH OF KADER BIGGS ESQ.

This prominent citizen and Christian gentleman died at his residence in this city Thursday morning, in the 69th year of his age.

The distinguished deceased was born in Martin County, N. C., was a brother of the late Judge Asa Biggs who was appointed to his judicial position in 1857, while representing his State in the United States Senate, and also of Jos. D. Biggs, Esq., of N. C., who now survives him.

Col. Biggs moved to this city about thirty years ago, and entered into the Commission business, which he successfully carried on up to about one year ago, when he retired. He was popularly known throughout this and the adjacent States under a firm name with his brothers as Kader Biggs & Co. He was an unostentatious Christian gentleman, and the city, Church and business circles mourn the loss of such a distinguished citizen.—Norfolk *Evening News*.

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